

California Teen Saved, Abductor Killed In Idaho

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BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The horseback riders who encountered a missing California teen and her abductor said Sunday that “red flags” went up for them because the pair seemed out of place and ill-equipped



ADA County Sheriff's Office Andrea Dearden addresses the media at the Cascade Fire Station in Cascade, Idaho after abducted CA teen Hannah Anderson is rescued.

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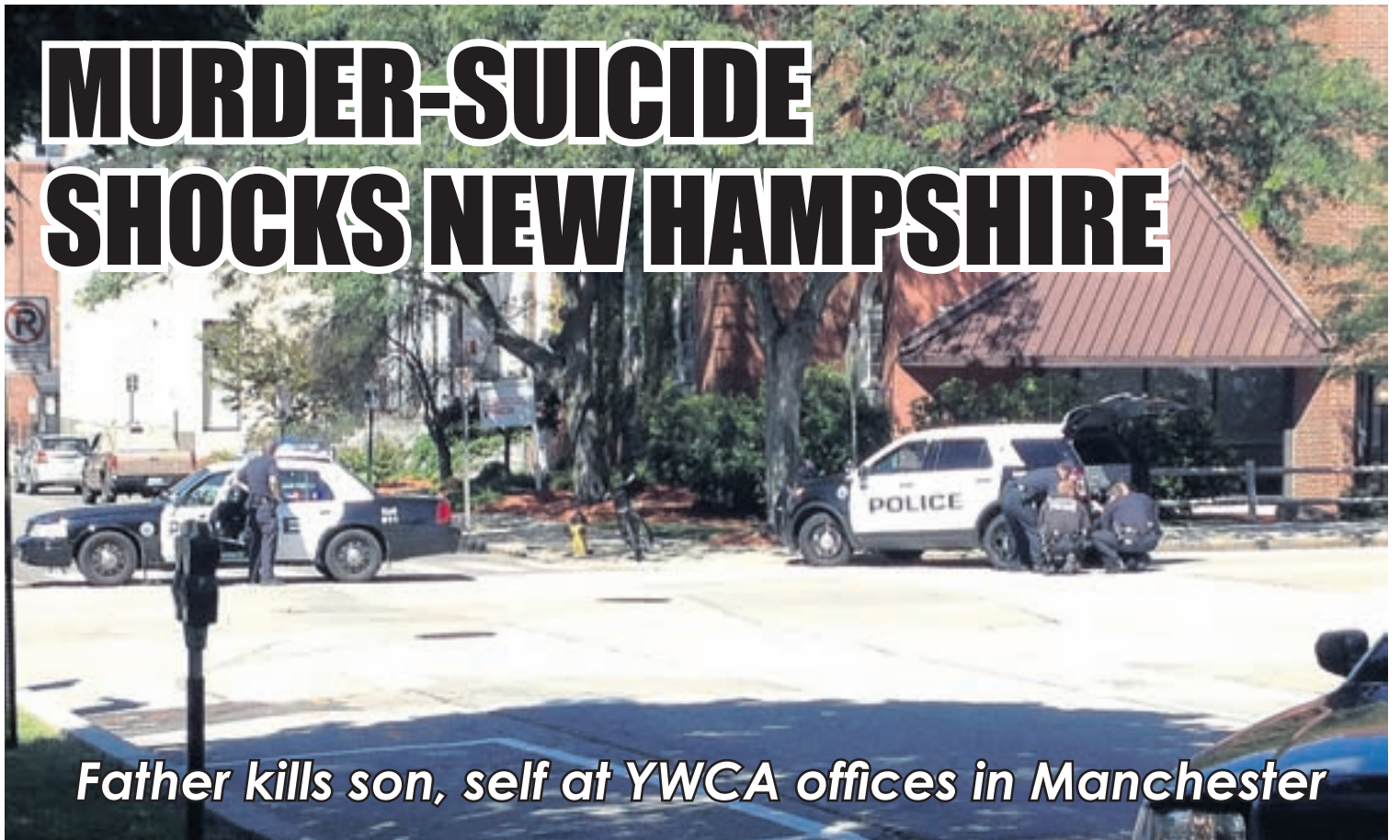
for the Idaho wilderness.

At a news conference in Boise, the four riders - two men and two women - said they came across 16-year-old Hannah Anderson and 40-year-old James Lee DiMaggio on Wednesday morning.

Mark John said the two weren't friendly and that the girl was wearing pajamas or sweatpants and that the man she was with carried only a light pack. “They didn't fit,” said the 71-year-old John, who is a former sheriff's deputy from Gem County.

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MURDER-SUICIDE SHOCKS NEW HAMPSHIRE



Father kills son, self at YWCA offices in Manchester

Police assemble outside the YWCA Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013 in Manchester, N.H. The state attorney general's office said Muni Savyon, 54, of Manchester used a handgun to fatally shoot his son Joshua Savyon, 9, of Amherst, N.H., before fatally shooting himself during a supervised visitation in the YWCA office. An adult supervisor was present when the shootings happened.
(AP Photo/WMUR-TV, Nick Spinetto)

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Snowden's father says he will visit son in Russia

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WASHINGTON - Edward J. Snowden's father and the family's lawyer said Sunday that they had obtained visas to visit the former intelligence contractor in Russia and indicated that they would encourage him to return to the United States to face federal charges for revealing secret U.S. surveillance programs to journalists, but only if acceptable trial conditions could be negotiated.

“What I would like,” said Lon Snowden, the father, “is for this to be vetted in open court, for the Ameri-

can people to have all the facts.” He said he favored his son's return if a fair trial was assured. As for a possible plea deal, he said, “I'm not open to it, and that's what I'll share with my son.” Appearing on the ABC News program “This Week,” Lon Snowden and the family's lawyer, Bruce Fein, declined to say when they would visit, to avoid what Fein called a news media “frenzy,” but they said it would be soon.

In a criminal complaint filed in June, federal prosecutors charged Edward Snowden with theft, “unauthorized communication of national

defense information” and willfully disclosing classified communications intelligence “to an unauthorized person.” The second and third charges were brought under the Espionage Act of 1917. “We intend to visit with Edward and suggest criminal defense attorneys who've got experience in Espionage Act prosecutions,” said Fein, a well-known Washington lawyer who specializes in constitutional and international law. Such lawyers, he added, are uncommon, since prosecutions under the Espionage Act have been rare historically.

Fein noted that he has laid out his concerns about a potential trial, including its venue, in a letter to Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., but he insisted that the terms he discussed were not “ultimatums” but rather negotiating points.

Fein and Lon Snowden offered few details about Edward Snowden's living arrangement in Russia. The authorities there granted him asylum on the condition that he disclose no more information about the National Security Agency programs.

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Family:

US man detained in North Korea hospitalized

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Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — An American man detained in North Korea for the past nine months has been hospitalized after losing more than 50 pounds (23 kilograms), and the need to bring him home is becoming more urgent, his sister said Sunday. Kenneth Bae, a 45-year-old tour operator and Christian missionary, was arrested last November and accused of subversive activities against the communist government. He was sentenced in May to 15 years hard labor, and in letters to his family in the Seattle area he described working in the fields weeding and planting beans and potatoes. His sister, Terri Chung, of Edmonds, said Sunday the family recently learned that he has been transferred from the labor camp to a hospital. Her brother suffers from diabetes, an enlarged heart, liver problems and back pain, she said. "He's considerably weak-

er," Chung said. "There's more urgency than ever to bring him home." A deputy ambassador from

Sweden met with Bae at the hospital Friday, Chung said. Sweden represents American interests in North Korea because the U.S.

has no official diplomatic relations with the country. Bae, a father of three, was born in South Korea years ago began leading small tour groups, mostly of American and Canadian citizens, into a "special



Terri Chung holds a notice of a prayer vigil for her brother, Kenneth Bae, in Lynnwood, Wash. Bae, an American tour operator and Christian missionary, has been detained in North Korea since being arrested in November, 2012, and Chung and her family are renewing calls for his release as concerns about his health increase. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

and immigrated to the U.S. with his parents and sister in 1985. For the past seven years he has been living in China, and a couple of

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Israel approves 1,200 more settlement homes

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel approved building nearly 1,200 more settlement homes Sunday and agreed to release 26 long-held Palestinian security prisoners — highlighting an apparent settlements-for-prisoners trade-off that got both sides back to peace talks after a five-year freeze. Yet concerns were mounting, especially among Palestinians, that the price is too steep. Sunday's announcement was Israel's third in a week on promoting Jewish settlements on war-won lands the Palestinians want for a state. It fueled Palestinian fears of a new Israeli construction spurt under the cover of U.S.-sponsored negotiations. In Israel, the most vocal protests came from relatives of those killed in attacks carried out by Palestinians slated for release. Bereaved relatives held up

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large photos of their loved ones during a Supreme Court hearing on an appeal against the upcoming release. "Why are we releasing butchers now?"

1993. Israelis and Palestinians are to launch talks on Wednesday in Jerusalem, following a preparatory round two weeks ago in Wash-

ington. The U.S. envisions an agreement within nine months on the terms of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, including drawing a border, agreeing on security arrangements and deciding the fate of Palestinian refugees. The Palestinians want a state to include the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, territories Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war. However, they are willing to swap some West Bank land for Israeli territory to allow Israel to annex some of the largest Jewish settlements. In all, Israel has built dozens of settlements since 1967 that are now home to some 560,000 Israelis. The diplomatic paralysis of the last five years was largely due to disputes over the settlements, deemed illegal by most of the international community. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas long insisted he will only resume talks if Israel freezes construction. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected a freeze. Abbas, under pressure from Kerry, eventually dropped it as a condition for talks. □



Palestinian workers cross between the Jewish settlement of Modiin Elite and the west bank village of Harbeta in Israel. Israel's housing minister on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, gave final approval for building nearly 1,200 new settlement apartments on lands the Palestinians want for their state. (AP Photo/Oded Balilty)

What for?" asked Gila Molcho, whose brother, lawyer Ian Feinberg, was stabbed to death by Palestinians who broke into a European aid office in Gaza City in

US says working to see Quintero jailed once again

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Obama administration said Sunday that it's working with Mexico to bring new charges against a drug lord who persuaded a court to overturn his 40-year sentence in the kidnap, torture and murder of a U.S. anti-drug agent. The chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security said drug lord Rafael Caro Quintero's release Friday was a test of Mexico's new president, who must see that Caro Quintero is put back behind bars. National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said the United States is deeply concerned by Caro Quintero's release and the United States is working with Mexican authorities to see that those responsible for the 1985 murder of Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena face justice in the U.S. Justice Department spokesman Brian Fallon said Attorney General Eric Holder is in touch with Mexican authorities to convey U.S. concerns about Caro Quintero's release. The Mexican Attorney General's Office declined comment Sunday. U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, a Republican from Texas, said the appeals court's decision to overturn Caro Quintero's sentence was "insulting." McCaul told The Associated Press that Caro Quintero is "a cold-blooded killer and he's done 28 years." He added that "it's not a good sign for the new administration right now." McCaul predicted a "negative impact" on U.S.-Mexico relations "if the Mexican attorney general doesn't pursue additional federal charges or help with extradition." The three-judge court said in a Wednesday ruling that Caro Quintero should have been prosecuted in state not federal court, and overturned his sentence. He left prison Friday and has not been publicly or heard from since. □

Hinting at 2016, Biden to speak at Iowa event

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DES MOINES, Iowa - Vice President Joe Biden will be the keynote speaker at Sen. Tom Harkin's annual steak fry fundraiser next month, a signature event on the Iowa political calendar that often showcases aspiring presidents as featured speakers.

Biden, who has not ruled out a third presidential bid in 2016, will "bat cleanup" at Harkin's high-profile Democratic picnic after a speech from Mayor Julian Castro of San Antonio, according to a person familiar with the plans. Biden's attendance is a sign, Democratic officials here say, that he wants Iowa caucus-goers to know he is very much considering another White House race. A press representative for Biden did not reply to requests for comment.

The gathering, to be held on Sept. 15 at a county fairgrounds south of Des Moines, will mark Biden's first trip to Iowa this year and underscores his effort to nurture ties to the states that begin the presidential nominating process. Biden spoke at a South Carolina Democratic dinner in May and later this month will raise money for Gov. Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire.

Biden has many longtime friends in the first-in-the-nation caucus state, including his former colleague Harkin, dating back to his first presidential run in 1988. Earlier this year, the vice president attended the Iowa ball in Washington during the inauguration festivities and on the same weekend invited a bevy of Democratic officials and activists from this state to his residence for a reception.

His decision to speak at Harkin's 36th annual steak fry, presumably the second-to-last for the retiring senator, comes amid much anticipation about former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's plans. □

Snowden's father says he will visit son in Russia

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Fein did say that he had been told by Snowden's lawyer in Russia that the young man was safe but "exhausted" after an extraordinary odyssey that took him from Hawaii, where he worked as an intelligence contractor with access to a huge array of government information, to Hong Kong, where

he released details of NSA programs, and then on to Russia. Lon Snowden, a Pennsylvania resident who served in the U.S. Coast Guard for about 30 years before retiring in 2009, has said in previous interviews that he will take precautions, while in Russia, to do nothing that can be construed as aiding or abetting a wanted fugitive. For that reason, he said recently, he

had not spoken to his son since before Edward flew to Hong Kong.

Last week, President Barack Obama canceled a planned meeting in Moscow with President Vladimir Putin of Russia, in part to express U.S. pique over Russia's granting of temporary asylum to Snowden.

In his news conference Friday, Obama said that if Snowden believed in the

rightness of his actions, "then, like every American citizen, he can come here, appear before the court with a lawyer and make his case." At the same time, the president used the news conference to promise more openness and scrutiny of the NSA programs, in a clear response to widespread criticism after Snowden's revelations. □



Lon Snowden, the father of National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden, speaks during an interview in Washington. Lon Snowden says he has secured a visa to visit his son in Russia. Snowden and family attorney Bruce Fein aren't saying when they'll visit Russia. They also say they haven't spoken directly with his son since he fled the United States for Russia, which has given him asylum. (AP Photo/Rossiya 24 via APTN)

Father kills son, self at YWCA offices in Manchester

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MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP) — A man used a handgun to shoot his 9-year-old son to death before taking his own life during supervised visitation at a Young Women's Christian Association office in New Hampshire's largest city, officials said Sunday.

An adult supervisor was present when Muni Savyon, 54, of Manchester, produced a handgun and shot 9-year-old Joshua Savyon of Amherst before shooting himself, the attorney general's office said. Reports of

gunfire shortly after 10 a.m. brought a heavy response from police officers who set up a perimeter.

The father, who was depressed after returning from his brother's funeral in Israel, sent an email to a friend suggesting he was suicidal before the shootings, said Rabbi Levi Krinsky of Chabad Lubavitch in Manchester. Krinsky said he'd seen the man last week and had no concerns about his well-being. "What would provoke him to take his life and his son's life? I don't think anyone can figure that out," Krinsky said. "My heart goes out to the family."

On Sundays, the YWCA is open for supervised child visitation and custody exchanges. Krinsky said the man and the boy's mother shared custody of the boy after parting ways years ago. The couple's marital status wasn't clear; Krinsky said the couple were divorced, but law enforcement officials said the two were separated.

Law enforcement officials said the relationship had been contentious at times and Muni Savyon had previously threatened to kill himself, his son's mother and their son.

Others were inside the building when the shots

were fired partway through the one-hour visitation. The counselor who was present at the time managed to escape unarmed, officials said.

A tactical team searched the building, including some apartments over the YWCA offices, afterward to ensure a shooter wasn't on the loose. Autopsies were scheduled for Monday, officials said.

Krinsky said he had no idea that Savyon was capable of violence, much less harming his own son. "We have to be more and more alert to mental illness and people who're depressed," he said. □



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California teen, abductor stood out in Idaho wilderness

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"He might have been an outdoorsman in California but he was not an outdoorsman in Idaho ... Red flags kind of went up."

John said when he returned home he saw a nationwide alert that had been sent out for Anderson, and he contacted police.

DiMaggio was killed by authorities Saturday. He is suspected of killing Anderson's mother and brother and abducting the teenager. Anderson was not harmed.

FBI agents are processing evidence at the campsite in central Idaho's Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness where they first discovered Anderson and DiMaggio. Details about the operation that ended in Hannah's rescue are being released slowly.

Law enforcement agents first spotted two people who looked like Anderson and DiMaggio on Saturday afternoon, as they flew over the wilderness area in a plane, according to a statement from Ada County Sheriff's spokeswoman Andrea Dearden.

The air was filled with smoke blown in from distant wildfires, and that made both flying and seeing the ground tough, Dearden said. The law enforcement commanders decided to send in an FBI Hostage Rescue Team immediately to get Hannah while they could.

The mountainous area is extremely steep, and the closest point where the helicopters could drop the team was more than a two-hour hike away. The agents crept close to the camp, waited until DiMaggio and Hannah separated, and then moved in.

The FBI moved the teen to an area where she could be picked up by a helicopter. The FBI won't release details about what happened between DiMaggio and law enforcement at the campsite until an investigation is complete, other than to say DiMaggio was shot and killed.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Mary Rook from Salt Lake City said the FBI will continue to work with law enforcement in both Idaho and California as the case transitions back to the San Diego Sheriff's Department.



James Dimaggio's car is towed to the town of Cascade after detectives finished searching it on a trail head bordering the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. DiMaggio was killed by authorities Saturday. He is suspected of killing Anderson's mother and brother and abducting the teenager. Anderson was not harmed.

(AP Photo/Robby Milo)

Anderson appeared to be uninjured and was taken to an Idaho hospital where crisis counselors and health care providers were assisting her. Her father was expected to arrive in Idaho on Sunday to reunite with her.

"We will make sure she gets as much care as possible, physically and emotionally," said Dearden. The FBI said it was sending a team to investigate what unfolded before, during and after the shooting. The location wasn't far from where the horseback

riders had spotted the pair. The case began when the charred bodies of Hannah Anderson's mother, Christina Anderson, 44, and the teen's 8-year-old brother, Ethan Anderson, were found on Aug. 4 in DiMaggio's burning house outside San Diego, near the Mexico border.

DiMaggio was close to the

family. Christina Anderson's husband, Brett Anderson, has described him as a best friend and said the children thought of him as an uncle.

Authorities have said DiMaggio had an "unusual infatuation" with Hannah, although the father said he never saw any strange behavior. □

Firefighters make progress against California wildfires

Associated Press
BANNING, California (AP)

— Firefighters continued to make steady progress Sunday in battling Southern California's latest destructive wildfire, which burned 26 homes and threatened more than 500 others in the San Jacinto Mountains. Riverside County Fire's Jeff La Russo said full containment of the more than 30-square-mile (78-square-kilometer) blaze is expected Monday. The Silver Fire charred roughly 19,430 acres (7,860 hectares) and is 75 percent contained. The fire stopped advancing Saturday as firefighters focused on extinguishing hot spots.

The blaze injured 10 firefighters and seriously burned a mountain biker who was

overrun by the fast-moving flames when the fire erupted Wednesday. Evacuation orders for several communities remain in effect; some campgrounds and trails are also closed.

California Gov. Jerry Brown declared an emergency for the area Friday, freeing up additional funds and resources for the firefight and recovery. At its peak, the fire forced the evacuation of 1,800 people, including 800 campers. Evacuation orders for several communities remained in effect.

Most of Southern California's severe wildfires are associated with Santa Ana winds, caused by high pressure over the West that sends a clockwise flow of air rushing down into the region. □



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Pilot in deadly plane wreck survived earlier crash

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HARTFORD, Connecticut

(AP) — The plane accident that killed four people in a Connecticut neighborhood was not the first crash for the pilot, a former Microsoft executive who was taking his teenage son on a tour of East Coast colleges. The pilot, Bill Henningsgaard, was killed along with his son, Maxwell, and two children who were in a house struck by the small propeller-driven plane on Friday. Their bodies were all recovered from the crash scene.

East Haven police on Saturday released the names of the crash victims, including Henningsgaard, 54, of Medina, Washington; his 17-year-old son; 13-year-old Sade Brantley and 1-year-old Madisyn Mitchell, who lived in the East Haven home hit by the plane. National Transportation Safety Board investigator Patrick Murray said Saturday the plane was upside down when it struck a house at about a 60 degree angle. He said the pilot was making his first approach to the airport and did not declare an emergency before the crash. After removing the wreckage and before analyzing any data, he said at a news conference in New Haven, "We don't have any indication there was anything wrong with the plane."

A preliminary NTSB report on the crash is expected within 10 business days. A more in-depth report could take up to nine months.

On Saturday night, dozens of people turned out for a vigil at Margaret Tucker Park to honor those who died in the crash. Among those in attendance was

the woman who lost two children when the plane struck their house.

Mayor Joseph Maturo told the crowd at the vigil that the show of support was a great tribute.

"I think this is a great tribute to a great town," the mayor said, "a caring town, a loving town. A town that comes out when things are down and people need you."

Gov. Dannel Malloy said in a statement that the vigil was a "profound statement of the ties that bind East Haven and our entire state together as one community."

"When a family suffers an unimaginable tragedy, we come together and pray that they have the strength they need to carry on," Malloy said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families tonight who are suffering from grief and loss."

Henningsgaard, a highly regarded philanthropist, was flying a small plane to Seattle in 2009 with his mother when the engine quit. He crash-landed on Washington's Columbia River.

"I forced myself to confront that fact that the situation any pilot fears — a mid-air emergency, was happening right then, with my mother in the plane," he wrote in a blog post days later.

In the Connecticut crash, Henningsgaard was bringing the 10-seater plane, a Rockwell International Turbo Commander 690B, in for a landing at Tweed New Haven Airport in rainy weather just before noon when the plane struck two small homes, engulfing them in flames. The aircraft's left wing lodged in one house and its right wing in the other. □



In this April 24, 2009 photo provided by Tapirback.com, Bill Henningsgaard and his mother, Edith Henningsgaard-Miller, stand on the wing of his plane after it crashed into Columbia River near Astoria, Ore. On Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013, a fire official said four bodies have been recovered from the site of a plane crash in East Haven, Conn. Those presumed dead are the pilot, Bill Henningsgaard, a former Microsoft executive, his teenage son and two children in a home struck by the plane.

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Immigration campaign passes by some Republicans

BEL AIR, Maryland (AP) — Immigration advocates are swarming the U.S. this month, trying to persuade House Republicans to pass a comprehensive overhaul. For all the effort that business and labor groups, activists and others who support action on immigration say they're pouring into making themselves heard during Congress' five-week summer recess, there are scores of House Republicans who are hearing very little of the clamor.

These lawmakers are insulated in safe districts where immigration activists don't bother to venture, or so hardened in their positions that no one's even trying to change their minds.

"Most of the energy is being spent on the folks who are gettable," said Frank Sharry, executive director of America's Voice, a pro-immigrant group. "We're not spending a lot of time on Republicans who are clearly going to vote 'no.'"

With immigration legislation stuck in limbo in the Republican-led House of Representatives, that reality raises the question of how successful advocates can be in reaching their goal for this month: generating enough momentum to propel Congress to act when lawmakers return to Washington in September. For now, immigration legislation is stalled following Senate passage with bipartisan support in June of a comprehensive bill with

billions for border security, changes to visa programs and a new focus on workplace enforcement, plus eventual access to citizenship for the 11 million immigrants already in the country illegally.

House Republicans over-

has advanced legislation that would offer a path to citizenship to anyone here illegally.

The challenge facing immigration reform advocates in gaining support among House Republicans was evident at a town-hall

that's "not going anywhere fast" in the House.

"The bottom line is there are plenty of immigration laws on the books," Harris said. "The House is in no rush to take up immigration."

Harris, a 56-year-old physi-

gets distributed last month by senators who support an immigration overhaul. House Speaker John Boehner has pledged only to advance immigration legislation supported by a majority of his Republican caucus, and advocates have identified a potential majority in support.

But that target list includes a number of long shots. Advocates involved with the umbrella group Alliance for Citizenship are focusing on 50 districts where they view the lawmakers as more realistically persuadable and say they are undertaking aggressive on-the-ground campaigns.

A week into lawmakers' summer recess, immigration advocates are trumpeting comments from a few Republicans, including Daniel Webster of Florida, Aaron Schock of Illinois and Dave Reichert of Washington state, indicating qualified support for eventual citizenship for those in the country illegally.

It's unclear whether such developments are limited to a small number of lawmakers, including some in districts with changing demographics or a more moderate electorate, or whether they become widespread enough to compel House Republicans to act on a far-reaching package of immigration bills that could be merged with the Senate-passed measure and sent to President Barack Obama. □



Mary Campos, of Des Moines, Iowa, campaigns for immigration reform in Ames, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

whelmingly oppose the Senate bill. Many don't want to grant citizenship to people who broke U.S. laws to be here. Instead of a single big bill, they prefer a step-by-step approach, beginning with border security. But any action even on that is not expected until October at the earliest because Congress has only nine legislative days in September and they are expected to be devoted to fiscal issues. So far, no House committee

meeting that second-term Republican Rep. Andy Harris held recently in the town of Bel Air, Maryland, northeast of Baltimore. The overflow crowd in the board of commissioners meeting room was overwhelmingly white and older, and booed loudly when one audience member asked Harris to support a path to citizenship for immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally. Loud applause followed as Harris shot the idea down, calling it "a nonstarter"

cian and the son of Eastern European immigrants, is in a safe Republican district with few Latino voters, and he's not on target lists drawn up by immigration proponents. So it's no surprise that advocates wouldn't be out in force at his events. Immigration advocates know they must change some minds among Republican lawmakers this month.

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Cool reception expected for Kerry in South America

DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry's trip to Colombia and Brazil this week builds on efforts to deepen relations with Latin America, but he can expect a curt reception from the two U.S. allies after reports that an American spy program widely targeted data in emails and telephone calls across the region.

On Kerry's first visit to South America as the Obama administration's chief diplomat, the disclosures by National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden could chill talks on trade and energy, and even discussions about the Oct. 23 state dinner that President Barack Obama is hosting for Brazil's president, Dilma Rousseff.

"I don't think this is going to be a warm 'abrazo,'" said Michael Shifter, president of the Washington-based Inter-American Dialogue, using the Spanish word for "hug." "I think it will be businesslike."

Kerry was scheduled to arrive early Monday in Bogota, the Colombian capital.

The country is holding peace talks to end a half century-old conflict with the Western Hemisphere's most potent rebel army, a rebel force diminished in strength thanks in considerable measure to U.S. military and intelligence support.

The U.S. wants to show its support for the peace talks between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, which are taking place in Cuba. Colombia is one of the United States' closest allies in the region, but the reports about the spying program have rankled Colombian officials.

Brazil's O Globo newspaper reported last month that citizens of Colombia, Mexico, Brazil and other countries were among the targets of a massive NSA operation to secretly gather information about phone calls and Internet communications worldwide. The reports were based on information provided by Snowden.

Colombia's president, Juan Manuel Santos, said Thursday that he wanted clarification from Washington on

whether U.S. intelligence-gathering in Colombia had overstepped the countries' joint operations against drug traffickers and illegal armed groups. The U.S. has supplied Colombia with eavesdropping equipment, technicians and aerial



Secretary of State John Kerry participates in a soccer game with his staff as they wait for his plane to be refueled. Kerry can expect a curt reception on his trip to Colombia and Brazil this week, according to experts.

(AP Photo/Jason Reed, Pool)

surveillance. Santos said in an interview with The Associated Press that Vice President Joe Biden called him about the issue following revelations by Snowden that U.S. digital

snooping has targeted allies as well as foes. Santos said Biden offered a series of technical explanations. Asked if he was satisfied with them, Santos replied, "We are in that process." Biden also called Rousseff to express what Brazil's

about the spy program. Rousseff told Biden that the privacy of Brazilian citizens and the country's sovereignty cannot be infringed upon in the name of security, and that Brazil wanted the U.S. to change its security policies and practices. Last week, Brazil's Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota was at the United Nations with counterparts from other South American nations to express their indignation about the spy program to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

The Obama administration has worked to forge stronger ties with Latin America. In May, Obama took a three-day trip to Mexico and Costa Rica. Biden has visited Colombia and Brazil, where he said stronger trade ties and closer cooperation in education, science and other fields should usher in a new era of U.S.-Brazil relations this year.

Brazil has received much attention in recent months because of Pope Francis' visit and preparations for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics to be held in Rio de Janeiro. □



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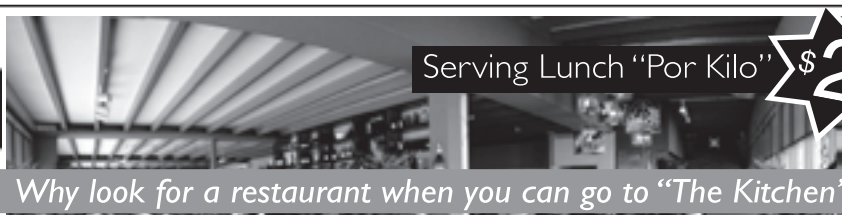
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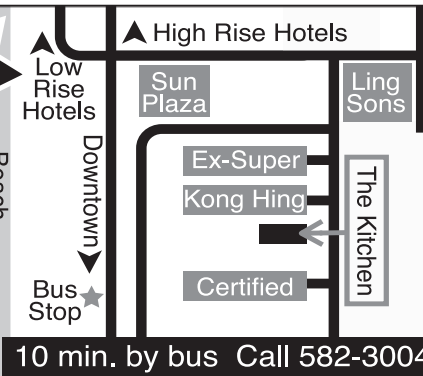


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Egypt police plan to besiege pro-Morsi sit-in camps

AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi fortified their two Cairo sit-in sites as

At the main sit-in, vendors said they have sold hundreds of gas masks, goggles and gloves to protesters readying for police tear gas. Three waist-high barriers

been killed in clashes since Morsi was toppled July 3, braced for more violence as the four-day Muslim Eid celebrations wrapped up Sunday to end the holy

said that could begin as soon as sunrise.

The Interior Ministry has said it would take gradual measures, issuing warnings in recent weeks and saying it would use water cannons and tear gas to minimize casualties.

Interior Ministry officials, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss details of the security plans, said they are prepared for clashes that might be set off by the cordons. The officials said police are working with the Health Ministry to ensure ambulances are on hand for the wounded and that armored police vans are nearby to take away those arrested.

A special force within the Interior Ministry's riot police that are trained for crowd dispersal will deal with protesters. In the past, however, Egypt's riot police, many of whom lack the training to deal with unarmed civilians, resorted to using lethal force.

There was no immediate government confirma-

tion of when forces would move in on the sit-ins.

Egypt's military-backed interim leadership alleges that the sit-ins and protests have frightened residents, sparked deadly violence and disrupted traffic in the capital. Mass rallies two weeks ago called by the military leader, Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, showed that a large segment of Egypt's population backs the armed forces' actions against the Morsi supporters.

The protesters blame the Interior Ministry and "thugs" for past violence, including a July 8 clash between demonstrators and security forces that left more than 80 dead. Just before the holiday, the government said international efforts failed to reach a diplomatic solution to the standoff with Morsi's supporters, who include members of his Muslim Brotherhood. The Cabinet said the decision to clear the main sit-in site outside the Rabaah al-Adawiya Mosque and a smaller one in nearby Giza near Cairo University was "irreversible." □



Supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi hold up wooden sticks as they participate in a protest outside Rabaah al-Adawiya mosque, where protesters have installed a camp and held daily rallies at Nasr City, in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013.

(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

Egyptian security officials said their forces will move against the entrenched protest camps within 24 hours — perhaps as early as daybreak Monday.

ers of concrete and wood have been built against armored vehicles. The Arab world's most populous country, where more than 250 people have

month of Ramadan. The security officials said they would set up cordons around the protest sites to bar anyone from entering, and one of the officials

Curfews set in Kashmir amid clashes

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Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Authorities imposed curfews in seven towns in the Indian portion of Kashmir on Sunday as sporadic clashes between Hindus and Muslims continued for a third day, officials said. Police said the death toll in the violence that erupted during Muslim Eid holiday celebrations on Friday rose to three, with authorities recovering a body from the Jammu region on Saturday night. Shantmanu, a civil administrator who uses one name, said Sunday that there were attempts by activists of various politi-

cal parties overnight to attack homes and businesses in the Jammu region.

Authorities put the seven towns under an indefinite curfew on Sunday.

Kishtwar, the town where Friday's clashes took place, has been under a strict curfew since the violence there killed two people and injured 24. No fresh violence was reported from the town over the weekend.

Army troops drove through streets on Sunday and enforced curfews in parts of Jammu, Rajouri, Reasi, Udhampur, Kathua, Samba and Baderwah towns, Shantmanu said. □

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Belfast:

Police vow to bring militants to justice after 'anarchy'

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Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Northern Ireland's police chief vowed over the weekend to hunt down and imprison scores of Protestant militants after they attacked and wounded 56 officers protecting a parade by Irish Republican Army supporters.

Friday night's outbreak of violence in downtown Belfast could be the first in a tense weekend involving disputed parades by both the Irish Catholic and British Protestant extremes of society.

Senior police said Protestant extremists encouraged by social-media messages rallied to block the parade on Royal Avenue, Belfast's major shopping boulevard. Some wore British flags as capes or masks, and tore up scaffolding and pavement stones to attack police girded in full riot gear.

Police responded by striking rioters with water cannons and 26 plastic bullets — blunt-nosed cylinders designed to deal punishing blows without penetrating the flesh. Several protesters could be seen staggering away from the confrontation zone with bloodied faces.

Protestant politicians said security officials should never have authorized what they called a deliberately provocative march by Irish republican hardliners opposed to Northern Ireland's peace process. After rival crowds of march supporters and opponents briefly outflanked police lines to trade salvos of rocks and bottles, march organizers abandoned their plan to parade past Belfast City Hall and diverted it back into Catholic turf. Britain's government min-

ister for Northern Ireland condemned the Protestant mobs for "utterly disgraceful" behavior.

"Whatever people think about the merits of the parade or the views of the people taking part in the parade, the rule of law has to be respected," said Northern Ireland Secretary Theresa Villiers.

Chief Constable Matt Baggott said Northern Ireland's prison population soon "will be bulging" as detectives used video footage to identify and arrest rioters.

Baggott said seven people were arrested Friday night for attacks on police and the hijacking of cars, one of which was set on fire in the middle of the parade route. "You can be assured that many more (arrests) will follow," he said.

He noted that more than 500 rioters, mostly Protestants confronting police in the streets of Belfast, already had been charged and convicted for earlier spasms of street violence in December, January and July.


Baggott said the Protestant demonstrators lacked organization, self-respect or dignity. He said his officers had put their own lives on the line "to prevent that anarchy from spreading. Without that courage, many lives may well have been lost."



This year's unusually protracted street trouble reflects rising working-class Protestant anger at Irish Catholic gains from the peace process. The U.S.-brokered Good Friday peace accord of 1998 sought to end IRA and other paramilitary violence, spur police reform and British military withdrawals, and forge a joint Catholic-Protestant government. □



Loyalist protesters clash with riot police in the centre of Belfast, Northern Ireland. A number of people, including police officers, have been injured during trouble in Belfast city centre linked to a republican anti-internment parade. Loyalist protesters attacked the police as they waited for the republican parade to arrive. (AP Photo/Peter Morrison)





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Six migrants drown off popular Sicilian beach

FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Rescuers saved about 250 migrants who tried to cross the Mediterranean Sea from northern Africa to southern Europe in flimsy boats on Saturday, but six migrants drowned when their vessel got stuck off a popular Sicilian beach resort, authorities said.

The dead were among some 100 migrants whose 18-meter-long (60-foot) wooden fishing boat ran aground off Catania, Sicily, said Italian Coast Guard Capt. Roberto D'Arrigo.

The bodies of two of the victims were found around dawn by rescuers on a beach where many Catania residents and vacationers use lounge chairs

and umbrellas to enjoy the sea, while the other four bodies were pulled out of the water just off shore, said D'Arrigo.

"Either they didn't know how to swim or they were exhausted" from the voyage, D'Arrigo said in a telephone interview from Catania. The sea just off shore is tricky for swimmers, he said, since there are sandbars which alternate with deep sections of water.

The fishing boat snagged on the sandbar about 20 or so meters (66 feet) off shore, he said. "Many others jumped into the sea and made it ashore," while the other survivors stayed aboard the boat and waited for coast guard rescuers, D'Arrigo said.

Early risers who went to

the beach in Italy were stunned by the sight of the bodies left by rescuers on the sand.

saw a group of them trying to make it to the road from the beach" and called authorities, said Dario Monte-

before rescuers arrived. Some survivors told authorities they were Egyptian or Syrian, although it will take police time to check their identities, he said.

It is rare for smugglers' often unseaworthy vessels filled with migrants to aim for Italian shores near cities, and D'Arrigo said the boat apparently made a navigational error while trying to reach secluded shores undetected.

Luxury cruise liners frequently anchor off shore from Catania to admire Mount Etna, an active volcano, rising up behind the city.

Another tragedy occurred off Spain.

There, officials said Coast Guard vessels and emergency services rescued 70 migrants who were trying to reach the Spanish coastline by crossing the Strait of Gibraltar aboard 10 inflatable dinghies in dangerously windy conditions. □



Italian police officers stand next to the lifeless bodies of six migrants who, according to Italian coast guard officials, drowned after their boat ran aground on a sandbar and they tried to swim to shore, near Catania, southern Italy, Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013. The boat, with some 100 migrants aboard, became stranded early Saturday 15 meters (50 feet) off a beach popular with tourists and locals.

(AP Photo/Carmelo Imbesi)

The owner of one of the bathing establishments said he saw some of the migrants running from the shore to a nearby road. "I

forte.

D'Arrigo said authorities couldn't rule out that some migrants who swam to land might have dashed away

Colombia peace talks eye political participation

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Colombia's government and its largest rebel army have begun building agreements on the guerrillas' eventual political integration if peace talks succeed, negotiators said Saturday as they entered another recess between rounds of discussions.

In a joint statement, the two camps said they are working on accords covering "rights and guarantees for the exercise of the political opposition."

Representatives of President Juan Manuel Santos and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, have been holding peace talks in Havana since last year.

"The FARC, if they make a transition to a legal political movement as we hope, require special guarantees just as has occurred in all processes of dialogue around the world," said Humberto de la Calle, chief negotiator for the government.

For their part, the rebels insisted on the need to convene a constitutional assembly and reform the judicial and electoral systems.

"There is no other way out," said Ivan Marquez, the lead guerrilla negotiator, whose legal name is Luciano Arango. Marquez also called "unfortunate" a recent comment by Santos saying that if top rebel leader Timoleon Jimenez, the nom de guerre of Ro-

drigo Londono Echeverry, were to be located, Santos would order security forces to take him out.

"That kind of demonstration from the president does very little to help create a reasonable atmosphere for the development and advance of building the peace accord," he said.

Nevertheless de la Calle expressed optimism about the progress of talks, saying "we have never come so far" and "step by step we are giving peace a chance." Discussions are still centered on the second item on their six-point agenda. Earlier this year a preliminary agreement on agrarian reform was struck. Negotiators are to return to the negotiating table Aug. 19. □



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Mexico's state-owned Pemex oil monopoly crumbling

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — The cornerstone of Mexico's economy, its state-owned Pemex oil monopoly, is crumbling. An unnoticed gas leak at its flagship Mexico City headquarters caused an explosion that collapsed three floors and killed 37 people this year. Thieves by the thousands tap into the company's pipelines, resulting in frequent fiery blasts and damaging leaks. Pemex has barely broken ground on its biggest investment project, a \$9 billion refinery, four years after it was announced. Worst of all, Mexico's oil fields are drying up and Pemex lacks the equipment to explore for new reserves in deep water or to extract shale gas. Production has plunged about 25 percent over the last decade, and a country that was once a significant oil power could become a net energy importer in a few years unless new production is brought online. Within days, President Enrique Pena Nieto is expected to propose the most

sweeping changes in decades to rescue Petroleos Mexicanos. But the initiative is under ferocious attack even before it's been made, largely because he is expected to propose loosening the government's near-total monopoly on oil exploration and production. The passion over oil arises from one of Mexico's proudest moments: President Lazaro Cardenas nationalized the industry in 1938, kicking out 17 foreign oil companies that Mexicans believe had been looting the country's wealth. Seventy-five years later, most Mexicans still bristle at any hint of involvement by private companies, especially foreigners, even if Pemex itself is encrusted with barnacles of a powerful and bloated union, inefficiency, theft, corruption and outdated technology. The most controversial part of Pena Nieto's plan will likely seek to encourage private investment and technology, possibly including risk-sharing, production-sharing or concessionary agreements, which are banned by Mexico's

Constitution. Pena Nieto repeatedly has assured Mexicans that his

scenario, it would allow private firms to share in a percentage of the oil they find,



The Los Pajaritos petrochemical complex of Mexico's state-owned oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) in Coatzacoalcas, Veracruz, Mexico. President Enrique Pena Nieto's proposal to revamp energy policy and modernize Pemex, expected to be unveiled in August 2013, is igniting an enormous political fight, not just for the oil industry but for the entire country. (AP Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills)

plan will not privatize the industry. In the most likely

or revenue from it. At present, the law limits them to

straight contractual work with incentive bonuses. "Mexico cannot delay the transformation of its energy sector any longer," Sen. David Penchyna wrote in a recent newspaper column. "The economic premises are outdated, but the political dogma has hung on. ... The world changed, but we insisted on playing the same old role." Penchyna, a member of Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, who is expected to shepherd the changes through the Senate, acknowledged that the measure would change the constitution, whose Article 27 states clearly that "no concessions or contracts may be awarded. ... The government will exploit these resources." □

Venezuela's Maduro: I sleep in Hugo Chavez mausoleum

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro is known for his devotion to late leader Hugo Chavez and now he acknowledges that he sometimes sleeps in the mausoleum where his mentor's remains are kept. Maduro was Chavez's vice president and named by him as his successor before he died. During the campaign for the April 14 election he narrowly won, Maduro caused a furor when he said Chavez came to him

in the form of a little bird that flew around his head. Venezuela's president reopened the issue of his use of Chavez's image on Thursday when, during an act at the former military museum where Chavez's remains are kept, he said: "I sometimes come at night. At times, many times, I sleep here." He said he sometimes comes with a retinue. "We enter at night and we stay to sleep. At night we reflect on things here." □

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In Jamaica, transgender teen killed by mob at party

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Associated Press

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica
(AP) — Dwayne Jones was

relentlessly teased in high school for being effeminate until he dropped out. His father not only kicked him out of the house at the age of 14 but also helped jeering neighbors push the youngster from the rough Jamaican slum where he grew up.

By age 16, the teenager was dead — beaten, stabbed, shot and run over by a car when he showed up at a street party dressed as a woman. His mistake: confiding to a friend that he was attending a “straight” party as a girl for the first time in his life.

“When I saw Dwayne’s body, I started shaking and crying,” said Khloe, one of three transgender friends who shared a derelict house with the teenager in the hills above the north coast city of Montego Bay. Like many transgender and gay people in Jamaica, Khloe wouldn’t give a full name out of fear.

“It was horrible.

It was so, so painful to see him like that.”

International advocacy groups often portray this Caribbean island as the most hostile country in the Western Hemisphere for gay and transgender people. After two prominent gay rights activists were murdered, a researcher with the U.S.-based Human Rights Watch in 2006 called the environment in Jamaica for such groups “the worst any of us has ever seen.”

Local activists have since disputed that label, but still say homophobia is pervasive. Dwayne’s horrific July 22 murder has made headlines in newspapers on the island and stirred



The riverside bar where Jamaican teenager Dwayne Jones attended a dance party and was savagely murdered by a mob last month, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Dwayne was killed by the crowd after they found out he was attending the gathering in women’s clothing, a wig and heavy makeup.

calls in some quarters for doing more to protect Jamaica’s gay community, especially those who live on the streets and resort to sex work.

Advocates say much of the homophobia is fueled by a nearly 150-year-old anti-sodomy law that bans anal sex as well as by dancehall reggae performers who flaunt anti-gay themes.

The island’s main gay rights group estimated that two homosexual men were killed for their sexual orientation last year, and 36 were the victims of mob violence.

For years, Jamaica’s gay community has lived so far underground that their parties and church services were held in secret locations. Many gays have

stuck to a “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy of keeping their sexual orientation hidden to avoid scrutiny or protect loved ones.

“Judging by comments made on social media, most Jamaicans think Dwayne Jones brought his death on himself for wearing a dress and dancing in a society that has made it abundantly clear that homosexuals are neither to be seen nor heard,” said Annie Paul, a blogger and publications officer at Jamaica’s campus of the University of the West Indies. Some say the hostility partly stems from the legacy of slavery when black men were sometimes sodomized as punishment or humiliation. Some historians believe that practice car-

ried over into a general dread of homosexuality. But in recent years, emboldened young people such as Dwayne have helped bring the island’s gay and transgender community out of the shadows. A small group of gay run-aways now rowdily congregates on the streets of Kingston’s financial district. Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller’s government has also vowed to put the anti-sodomy law to a “conscience vote” in Parliament, and she said during her 2011 campaign that only merit would decide who got a Cabinet position in her government. By contrast, former Prime Minister Bruce Golding said in 2008 that he would never allow homosexuals in his Cabinet.

Dane Lewis, executive director of the Jamaica Forum for Lesbians, All-Sexuals & Gays, said there were increasing “pockets of tolerance” on the island.

“We can say that we are becoming more tolerant. And thankfully that’s because of people like Dwayne who have helped push the envelope,” said Lewis, one of the few Jamaican gays who will publicly disclose his full name. Yet rights groups still complain of the slow pace of the investigation into Jones’ murder, despite the justice minister calling for a full probe.

Police spokesman Steve Brown said detectives working the case are struggling to overcome a chronic problem:

a strong anti-informant culture that makes eye-witnesses to murders and other crimes too afraid or simply unwilling to come forward.

Even though some 300 people were at the dance party in the small riverside community of Irwin, police have yet to make a single arrest in Dwayne’s murder. Police say witnesses have said they couldn’t see the attackers’ faces.

Dwayne was the center of attraction shortly after arriving in a taxi at 2 a.m. with his two 23-year-old housemates, Khloe and Keke. Dwayne’s expert dance moves, long legs and high cheekbones quickly made him the one that the guys were trying to get next to. Like many Jamaican homosexuals, Dwayne was careful about confiding in others about his sexual orientation. But when he saw a girl he had known from church, he told her he was attending the party in drag. □

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Serena Williams wins Rogers Cup in romp



Serena Williams, of the United States, poses for photographs after defeating Sorana Cirstea, of Romania, at the women's singles championship at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013. Williams won 6-2, 6-0.

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Serena Williams won the Rogers Cup for the third time, routing unseeded Romanian Sorana Cirstea 6-2, 6-0 in Sunday's final.

The top-ranked woman captured her eighth WTA title of the year and 54th of her career. All three of her Rogers Cup crowns have come in Toronto, the others in 2001 and 2011. Williams has lost only one match since March, a stunning early exit at Wimbledon.

She did not drop a set this week. The only time she was tested was in her semi-final against third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska.

Cirstea was appearing in her third WTA final and looking to build on her only title — in 2008 at Tashkent. But despite this loss, the tournament proved a breakthrough. She ousted two former No. 1 players in Jelena Jankovic and Caroline Wozniacki.

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United States' Ashton Eaton competes in the pole vault of the decathlon at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013. Eaton won gold in the decathlon.

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WNBA Roundup

Mystics hold on for win over Sun

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Crystal Langhorne scored 18 points and the Washington Mystics held on for a 74-63 victory over the Connecticut Sun on Sunday.

Ivory Latta added 14 points, including a crucial late 3-pointer to help seal the victory for the Mystics (11-13), who won their second straight to keep hold of sole possession of fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

Monique Currie added 12 points and Michelle Snow grabbed 10 rebounds for Washington, which had its 21-point third-quarter lead shrink to four during the fourth.

Tina Charles scored 18 points and Kelsey Griffin added 17 for the last-place Sun (6-15), who lost their third straight and sixth in their past eight. □

Tommy Danielson wins Tour of Utah



JOHN COON

Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) —

American Tommy Danielson won the Tour of Utah

on Sunday, despite finishing third behind Spain's Francisco Mancebo in the sixth stage.

Danielson, riding for Garmin-Sharp, finished with an overall time of 23 hours, 5 minutes, 45 seconds. He was second Saturday in the fifth stage.

The difference for Danielson ended up being the final climb over Empire Pass. He left nothing to chance, breaking away from the Peloton at the start of the climb and creating a large enough time gap to give himself a cushion on the descent into Park City.

Danielson calculated the

risk of burnout from pushing so hard early in the climb. He kept a steady pace to the top to position himself for the overall win.

"I knew that the climb was suited well to me - being steep like that for a long time and at altitude," Danielson said. "So I knew I had to take everyone to their limits, including myself, and try to get away at the bottom."

Mancebo, riding for 5-Hour Energy, earned the stage victory after catching Danielson and passing him on the final 3 kilometers. Mancebo crossed the finish line in 3:12:52.

He led for most of the race after joining an initial group of 15 riders that broke out in front. Mancebo stayed strong even as others in the group faded away in the Wasatch Mountains.

"I hit the climb and tried to find my own pace without getting too nervous," Mancebo said through a translator. "I wanted to be focused on my own pace more than any gap or any descent with the rest of the guys."

Colombia's Janier Alexis Acevedo, riding for Jamis-Hagens Berman, finished a bike-length behind Mancebo. □

Dufner beats Furyk at PGA for 1st major title

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PITTSFORD, New York (AP)

— Jason Dufner finally cracked a smile, and gave a slight pump of the fist, saving all that emotion for a big occasion.

He won the PGA Championship.

Dufner played the kind of golf that wins majors Sunday with a steady diet of fairways and greens that made it too tough for Jim Furyk or anyone else to catch him. Making bogeys on the last two holes at Oak Hill, Dufner closed with a 2-under 68 to capture his first major and atone for a meltdown two years ago in Atlanta.

"It's been a tough day. It was a long day. Tough golf course," Dufner said. "It probably hasn't hit me yet. I can't believe this is happening to me. ... I just decided that I was going to be confident and really put my best foot forward and play aggressive and try to win this thing. I wasn't going to just kind of play scared or soft.

"I'm happy to get the job done. It's a big step in my career."

Dufner wasn't sure he would get another chance after the 2011 PGA Championship, when he blew a four-shot lead with four holes to play and lost in a playoff to Keegan Bradley. He wasn't about to let this one get away. Dufner won by playing a brand of golf that matches the expression on his face. It wasn't exciting, and it didn't need to be.

The turning point at Oak Hill was the final two holes — on the front nine. Dufner made a short birdie on the eighth hole to take a one-shot lead, and Furyk made bogey on the ninth hole to fall two shots behind. Furyk, a 54-hole leader for the second time in as many years in a major, couldn't make up any ground with a procession of pars along the back nine. He finally made a 12-foot birdie putt on the 16th, but only

after Dufner spun back a wedge to 18 inches for a sure birdie.

Furyk also made bogey on the last two holes, taking two chips to reach the 17th green and coming up short into mangled rough short of the 18th green, where all he could do was hack it onto the green. Furyk closed with a 71 to finish three shots behind.

Dufner finished at 10-under 270, four shots better than the lowest score at Oak Hill in five previous majors. Jack Nicklaus won the 1980 PGA Championship at 274. Henrik Stenson, trying to become the first Swede to win a men's major title, pulled within two shots on the 13th hole and was poised to make a run until his tee shot settled on a divot hole in the 14th fairway. He chunked that flip wedge into a bunker and made bogey and closed with a 70 to finish alone in third. In his last three tournaments — two majors and a World Golf Championship — Stenson has two runner-ups and a third.

Jonas Blixt, another Swede, also had a 70 and finished fourth. Masters champion Adam Scott never made a serious move and shot 70 to tie for fifth. Defending champion Rory McIlroy made triple bogey on the fifth hole to lose hope, those he still closed with a 70 and tied for eighth, his first top 10 in a major this year.

Dufner two-putted for bogey on the 18th from about 10 feet and shook hands with Furyk as if he had just completed a business deal.

He hugged his wife, Amanda, and gave her love tap on the bottom with the cameras rolling.

Asked if he had ever been nervous, she replied, "If he has been, he's never told me."

Among the first to greet Dufner was Bradley, who beat him in the PGA playoff at Atlanta and was behind the "Dufnering" craze from earlier this year.

Dufner went to an elementary school in Dallas as part of a charity day for the Byron Nelson Classic. A photo was taken of Dufner slumped against the wall in the classroom next to the children, his eyes glazed over, as the teacher taught them about relaxation and concentration techniques. The pose was mimicked all over the country, giving Dufner some celebrity. Now he's known for something far more important — major champion.

Dufner became the sixth player to win a major with a round of 63, joining Tiger Woods, Greg Norman, Raymond Floyd, Nicklaus and Johnny Miller. □



Jason Dufner celebrates after winning the PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, in Pittsford, N.Y. Associated Press

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Usain Bolt regains 100-meter gold at worlds

RAF CASERT

AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Usain Bolt restored order to the world of sprinting.

Reclaiming the 100-meter world championship gold he lost through a false start in South Korea two years ago, the Olympic champion once again holds every major sprint title there is.

And he shook off rain, sore legs, a slow start and any doubters Sunday to prove there never has been an athlete quite like him.

"For me to come in and regain my title, it's always great to be back," Bolt said.

Despite getting late out of the blocks in the downpour, the Jamaican superstar steadily caught up with 2004 Olympic champion Justin Gatlin and left the American behind with a trademark late burst of speed that, still, no one can match.

"I came out here just to execute and get it right and to win," Bolt said. "That's what I do."

Gatlin made it more of race than many thought he could, staying ahead until the closing stages. "They wanted an epic race in rain and they got it," the American said.

If Bolt's result was predictable, his demeanor was not.

At 26, he has left most the hot-dogging that has made him famous behind. While he used to start celebrating well before the finish on big wins, he remained expressionless this time as he ran across the line watching his performance on the



Jamaica's Usain Bolt, left, crosses the finish line ahead of USA's Justin Gatlin in the Men's 100-meter final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013.

giant screen in front of him.

It took him several minutes of understated celebrations before he unleashed the mighty "Lightning Bolt" pose that made him famous across the globe.

His winning time was almost irrelevant, 9.77 seconds, .19 seconds slower than his world record. Gatlin crossed second in 9.85, while Bolt's teammate, Nesta Carter, took bronze in 9.95.

If Bolt did not produce a sense of theater himself, the elements did it for him. Lightning flashed over Luzhniki Stadium half an hour before the final, and the rain started pouring in as the finalists entered the arena.

To the cheers of about 25,000 fans, the stadium address system started blaring Bob Marley's classic "Three Little Birds"

and he was loosening his neck muscles to the lyrics, "Don't worry, 'bout a thing. 'Cause every little thing is gonna be all right."

It was for him. Not his opponents.

Gatlin had beaten Bolt in Rome early this season, and could take some hope from a blistering start on Sunday. But once those huge strides of Bolt started catching up with him, it was all over.

Bolt will now go for another golden triple, just like the one he had at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2012 London Games, and also at the 2009 worlds in Berlin.

He has the heats of the 200 on Friday and hopefully the 4x100 final on Sunday's closing day.

Tirunesh Dibaba also made a golden start in her quest for a long-distance double. The Ethio-

pian confirmed herself as one of the greatest long-distance runners in history, right up there with former teammates Haile Gebrselassie and Kenenisa Bekele.

With three Olympic titles and five world championships since 2003, her pedigree is unmatched.

And Sunday's race was easy for the champion. She was tucked in the wake of Japanese runner Hitomi Niiya for most of the race and let her finishing kick take care of the rest with 500 meters to go. As hard as Gladys Cherono tried to keep up, the Kenyan had to settle for silver. Dibaba's teammate, Belaynesh Oljira, won bronze.

It was also a good day for the Americans.

Ashton Eaton added the world title to his Olympic decathlon gold medal and Brittney Reese

reigned over the long jump for the third time in a row.

Eaton blazed away from competition on the second and final day of the 10-discipline event and was able to cruise home in the 1,500 to claim the biggest title which had still eluded him.

A standout 110 hurdles to start the day allowed him to confidently build an increasing lead and he sealed it with a big javelin throw in the penultimate event.

Finishing sixth in the final race in the muggy heat of about 30 degrees C (86 degrees F) was more than enough for Eaton, who won with 8,809 points.

For Reese, it was another world championships of living dangerously, only reaching the final as the last qualifier.

On Sunday, though, a huge jump of 7.01 meters on her second attempt was good for gold, beating Blessing Okagbare of Nigeria by 2 centimeters. At 26, the gold made Reese the defining long jumper of the past half decade with six straight major international titles. She celebrated wearing a T-shirt that read "Unleash the Beast," referring to the nickname she earned as a relentless competitor.

Also, host nation Russia won its first gold medal of the championships when 20-year-old Aleksandr Ivanov took gold in the 20-kilometer walk despite the heat and humidity.

The temperature wasn't an issue for Bolt, though. And the rain couldn't slow him down either. □



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Kyle Busch finally wins again at Watkins Glen

JOHN KEKIS,
AP Sports Writer

WATKINS GLEN, New York (AP) — Kyle Busch finally

has that elusive second win at Watkins Glen International, atoning for a year ago when he lost a certain victory on the last lap.

On a two-lap dash to the finish in the caution-filled Sprint Cup race Sunday, Busch barely held off Brad Keselowski, who finished second in this race for the third straight time.

A year ago, Busch watched victory slip away when he slid off course on the final lap on a track coated with oil from a blown engine.

Marcos Ambrose, seeking his third straight Cup win at The Glen, was on the pole and led for 51 laps. But his luck finally ran out just past the halfway point of the 90-lap race.

He had to pit under caution after Busch had come in under green.

That gave Busch the lead and he held on through a series of cautions over the final 28 laps. Ambrose crashed late trying to make a late run and finished 23rd.

The field didn't have to worry about five-time Watkins Glen winner Tony Stewart. The driver known as Smoke is out indefinitely after breaking his right leg Aug. 5 in a sprint car race in Iowa. Stewart, who has had two operations, saw his streak of 521 consecutive Cup starts end. Max Papis drove Stewart's No. 14 Chevrolet on Sunday and finished 15th. Several drivers had stickers on their cars honoring Stewart with the message: "Get Well Smoke 14."

Martin Truex Jr. finished



Driver Kyle Busch celebrates in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at The Glen on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, in Watkins Glen, N.Y.

third, followed by Carl Edwards and Juan Pablo Montoya. Clint Bowyer, Joey Logano, Jimmie Johnson, Kurt Busch and AJ Allmendinger rounded out the top 10.

Jeff Gordon entered the race with momentum in ninth place in the points standings after finishing second last week at Pocono, but his day was ruined early with a wreck on Lap 15. He finished 36th and dropped to 13th in the standings with four races to go until the Chase for the Sprint Cup title starts.

The top 10 drivers in points and the drivers from 11th to 20th with the most wins earn wild-card berths for the 10-race postseason. Kurt Busch moved into 11th place, just two points behind Truex and only four behind ninth-place Greg Biffle.

Ambrose was unchallenged for the lead through the first half of the race, building a margin of nearly 3 seconds over Busch, who started fifth and was up to second by Lap 21.

Kevin Harvick went with a different fuel strategy and was one of several cars who pitted after Gordon's crash. He took the lead when Ambrose made his first stop. When the Australian got back on track, he trailed Harvick by 13 seconds, but that advantage was erased when Michael McDowell's No. 35 Ford broke a track bar, bringing out the third caution of the race.

On the restart on Lap 39, Ambrose lined up alongside Harvick and quickly regained the lead with Busch close behind.

A crash involving Ron Fellows and Travis Kvapil

brought out a 22-minute red flag on the next lap, giving teams a chance to discuss strategy. Ambrose, Kyle Busch, and Keselowski had dueled at the end for the win in each of the previous two races at Watkins Glen, and a third three-way confrontation was on the mind with Keselowski lurking in eighth after an early spin.

"All things, considered, it's been a good race," Ambrose said during the stoppage, repeatedly getting an earful from crew chief Drew Blickensderfer to save fuel. "But it's not over."

It sure wasn't. Busch had been unable to close on Ambrose before the red flag and was focused on the No. 9 Richard Petty Motorsports Ford in front.

"They're better," Busch

said, referring to Ambrose. "I'm trying to figure out where I'm getting beat. He's been driving away." On the ensuing restart on Lap 43, Ambrose again sailed clear of the field, building a cushion of 3.5 seconds over Busch as the final pit stops loomed. The complexion of the race changed when Aric Almirola slid off course into a tire barrier, bringing out another caution on Lap 59. Busch was in the pits when the yellow flag waved, but Ambrose, on a two-stop fuel strategy, had to pit a lap later under caution.

When the race restarted, Busch was in front with Keselowski third and Ambrose 12th, and the car that had dominated the race out front became just ordinary in traffic, unable to move forward. Nine laps after the restart and struggling, Ambrose had picked up only one spot and trailed Busch by nearly 10 seconds.

Truex managed to pass Busch on Lap 65, but Busch banged past him seconds later and Keselowski followed into second. Keselowski stayed close but Busch began to pull away just as he did a year ago when oil spoiled his day.

Ambrose's luck worsened on a restart with five laps remaining. Papis hit Ambrose from behind and the Australian slammed into the barrier lining the track. He jumped out, threw his helmet in disgust and walked away.

That set up the final dash, and Busch held off a charge by Keselowski, who a year ago had bumped him aside on the last lap. □



Rafael Nadal, of Spain, reacts after defeating Canada's Milos Raonic in the men's Rogers Cup tennis tournament final in Montreal, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013. Nadal won 6-2, 6-2.

Associated Press

MONTREAL (AP) — Rafael Nadal beat Milos Raonic 6-2, 6-2 on Sunday in the Rogers Cup final, spoiling Raonic's bid to become the first Canadian winner in the event in 55 years.

Robert Bedard, the last Ca-

nadian to win what was then called the Canadian Open in 1955, was in attendance to see Nadal claim his third Rogers Cup title. The Spanish star also won in 2005 and 2008.

"To win here, I have to be

Nadal beats Raonic in Montreal final

playing my top level," Nadal said. "Very happy the way that I played almost every match in this tournament. Is very important for me, this title. Just very happy for everything."

Raonic was the first Canadian since the now 81-year-old Bedard even to reach the final.

"The tournament overall was a great thing," Raonic said. "There were a lot of situations that I'm very happy with the way I dealt with them, and there were a lot of learning experiences through it all."

"A lot of stepping stones that I need to do in my ca-

reer happened this week, so that's great. The match, obviously I'm a little disappointed with myself. I would have hoped to deal with that situation a little bit better."

Nadal, playing his first tournament since a first-round loss at Wimbledon in June, posted his eighth tournament win this year and the 58th of his career. On Saturday night in the semifinals, Nadal beat two-time defending champion Novak Djokovic 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (2).

"I did a lot of things well," Nadal said. "My return was huge this afternoon. I returned a few first serves of his in important moments, decisive. Then I think he play with more mistakes than usual. That helped me."

By reaching the final, the 22-year-old Raonic will move up to 10th in world rankings, a record for a Canadian. He will be the youngest player in the top 10. Nadal will move from fourth to third.

"With his serve, his chance to be in the top 10 for a long time is very good," Nadal said. "Then what you need is to work on the mental part and in the game from the baseline, to try to play the right way

on the important points. I think he will do it. He's still young. He's having great results. This week is going to be very important for him and for tennis in Canada in general."

Raonic has worn different colored Davis Cup-style shirts with a maple leaf over the heart all week, but saved a red-and-white one for the final. It didn't help as Nadal needed just 1 hour, 8 minutes to win.

The Uniprix Stadium crowd was solidly behind Raonic throughout the one-sided match.

Nadal's all-around game, particularly his superior passing shots and baseline play, proved too much for the power-hitting Raonic, who was only effective in games in which his booming serve was working.

On a windy afternoon, Nadal had two service breaks in the first set, including one after trailing 0-40, and broke again to open the second. At 2-1 in the second set, Raonic wasted three break points to let his best chance for a break slip away.

The Spaniard broke again for a 5-2 lead and served out the match.

Nadal is 4-0 against Raonic in his career. □

Rogers Cup

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She also defeated defending champion Petra Kvito-va in the quarterfinals and fourth-seeded Li Na in the semis.

Cirstea was unsteady from the opening game, double-faulting the first point and again at 30-40 to give Williams an early break. Williams broke again for 3-0 after Cirstea sent a backhand wide. That prompted a visit from her Australian coach, Darren Cahill.

The pep talk appeared to work momentarily. Cirstea won four straight points to break back and held serve at 3-2. But Williams quick-

ly removed any chance of an upset, winning two straight games and aching a set point winner to make it 6-2.

With shouts of "Sorana" and "Serena" volleying around the stadium, splashes of Romania's blue, yellow and red could be seen dotting the Rexall Centre stands on a warm, sunny afternoon.

But Cirstea's contingent had even less to cheer for in the second set. Williams used her trademark power strokes to keep Cirstea running and ripped an ace to hold serve at 2-0.

Cirstea, her head hanging low, again called for Cahill for motivation. □



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U.S. issues import ban on some Samsung products

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NEW YORK (AP) — Apple won a partial victory in its long-running patent dispute with Samsung on Friday when a U.S. administrative panel found Samsung in violation of two Apple patents and blocked imports of some Samsung devices.

But the U.S. International Trade Commission cleared Samsung on four other patents in dispute.

President Barack Obama's administration has 60 days to veto ITC rulings. Over the weekend, the administration invalidated a June order that sided with the South Korean company and banned imports of Apple's iPhone 4 and a variant of its iPad 2.

The patents involved in Friday's ruling aren't related to that June order.

Samsung Electronics Co. and Apple Inc. are in a global legal battle over smartphones. Apple argues Samsung's Android phones copy vital iPhone features. Samsung is fighting back with its own complaints.

The legal disputes come as competition in the marketplace intensifies. Samsung has been cutting into Apple's dominance in phones and is now the leading smartphone manufacturer. Samsung is also pushing into Apple's territory with its own Android tablet computers.

These cases typically involve older products that are no longer widely sold. Two of the phones cited in Friday's ruling were both 2010 models — the Continuum and the Transform. But a victory in such cases could affect what features are included in future devices and could slow down a rival's momentum.



This July 26, 2013 file photo shows models of Samsung Electronics' Galaxy S4 smart phones being displayed at a showroom of its headquarters in Seoul, South Korea.

Associated Press

Apple could also seek to ban imports of phones released since the case was filed in 2011.

Samsung spokesman Adam Yates said the company was disappointed in the ban, but he said the ruling did reject Apple's ef-

fort "to use its overbroad design patents to achieve a monopoly on rectangles and rounded corners."

Yates said Samsung will continue to release new products and has taken measures to ensure they will continue to be avail-

able in the U.S.

In a statement, Apple said the ITC "has joined courts around the world in Japan, Korea, Germany, Netherlands and California by standing up for innovation and rejecting Samsung's blatant copying of Apple's

products. Protecting real innovation is what the patent system should be about."

Last year, a federal court ruled that Samsung owed Apple \$1 billion in damages for infringing on non-essential Apple patents. But the judge refused to impose an import ban on Samsung phones and later struck \$450 million from the verdict, saying the jurors miscalculated. An appeals court in Washington heard arguments in that case Friday, but it has not issued a ruling.

In June, the ITC ruled that Apple violated one of Samsung's patents, a "standards-essential patent," meaning holders are supposed to license them to all companies on "fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory" terms.

U.S. courts have ruled that such patents cannot be the basis for import bans. But the ITC, which is an administrative agency and not a court, follows a different standard.

The Obama administration wants the ITC to adhere to the same principles. □

Tumblr founder to get \$81M to remain at Yahoo

Yahoo's \$1.1 billion acquisition of Tumblr includes \$81 million retention payment to founder

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Yahoo's recently completed acquisition of Internet blogging service Tumblr includes an \$81 million payment to Tumblr founder David Karp as long as he remains on the job for the next four years.

The retention payment disclosed in a regulatory filing Thursday is part of the windfall that Karp and Tumblr investors realized by agree-

ing to sell the service for \$1.1 billion in May.

Karp turned 27 last month. He started Tumblr in 2007, a few years after he dropped out of high school in New York to concentrate on computer programming. Yahoo Inc. CEO Marissa Mayer has pledged not to make any dramatic changes at Tumblr in hopes that the acquisition won't alienate the blogging service's existing users, which includes a substantial number of teenagers and young adults.

As part of her promise "to not screw it up," Mayer is allowing Karp to run Tumblr independently in New York. Yahoo is based in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Karp is believed to own a 20 to 25 percent stake in Tumblr, which means he probably has already received a windfall, which hasn't been disclosed, from the sale to Yahoo. But he must stay at Tumblr until June 2017 under the provision disclosed Thursday to get the \$81 million retention payment.

The payment will consist of

\$41 million in stock and \$40 million in cash, according to Yahoo's filing. Another \$29 million in stock options and restricted stock is being doled out to other unnamed Tumblr employees over four years.

The documents also disclosed that Yahoo paid a total of \$44 million to buy six other companies during the three months ending in June. All told, Yahoo paid about \$1.15 billion to buy 10 companies, including Tumblr, during the first half of the year. □

YOUR MONEY: Win the lottery? Good Luck with that

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When those exceedingly lucky people come forward to claim this week's Powerball lottery jackpot, which swelled to \$448 mil-

running the games advertise heavily that it could be you making off with millions of dollars. The odds of winning, however, remain infinitesimal: Powerball players, for in-

they're wasting a greater share of their income on the games.

That's also why the lottery is often called a regressive tax on the poor.

Sure, last year the games returned \$19.41 billion to the states that sponsored them, according to the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries, which represents 52 lottery groups. But that's not why anyone plays them.

What's the big motivation to volunteer to pay this tax? Psychologists say it has more to do with our all-too-human propensity to run with the dreamlike possibilities it creates in our minds.

"For emotionally significant events, the size of the probability simply doesn't matter," said Daniel Kahneman, the Nobel-prize winning psychologist.

"What matters is the possibility of winning. People are excited by the image in their mind. The excitement grows with the size of the prize, but it doesn't diminish with the size of the probability."

So ticket buyers allow themselves some momentary escapism since it costs only \$2, thinking about what they would do with all that money.

And they'll ignore all the well-known horrors and pitfalls that many lottery winners encounter, whether it's a severe depression or blowing through all of the money in a form of self-sabotage that ends with them living in a trailer down by the river. □



The odds of winning the top prize in Powerball or other big lottery is on par with finding a needle in a haystack.

(Robert Neubecker/The New York Times)

lion Wednesday, it's hard not to think: Somebody is winning these things, right? It could be me.

This is exactly the sort of logic that, over the past year, led millions of people to spend \$5.9 billion of their hard-earned dollars on Powerball alone. They spent nearly \$69 billion on all lottery games in 2012, according to two lottery trade groups.

It is also precisely the kind of mental trap the Powerball people want you to fall into; they tweaked the game rules last year, doubling the price of tickets to \$2 to raise more revenue and create more eye-catching jackpots.

And the state agencies

stance, have a 1 in 175 million chance of winning. You have roughly the same chance of getting hit by lightning on your birthday. Even though some people may be able to intellectually grasp what that means, the Multi-State Lottery Association can predict with clocklike certainty that Saturday night, with a jackpot worth about \$40 million, 13 million to 15 million people will buy tickets. Those ticket buyers are all thinking they have a shot of defying the odds.

That is why the lottery is called a tax on people who don't understand math. Lower-income people who play but don't win are hurt the most, because

U.S. companies thrive as workers fall behind

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U.S. companies are more profitable than ever - and more profitable than we thought they were before the government revised the national income accounts last week. Wage earners are making less than we thought, in part because the government now thinks it was overestimating the amount of income not reported by taxpayers. The major change in the latest comprehensive revision of the national income and product accounts - known as NIPA to statistics aficionados - is to treat research and development spending as an investment, similar to the way the purchase of a new machine tool would be treated by a manufacturer, rather than as an expense.

That investment is then written down over a number of years. The result is to make the size of the economy, the gross domestic product, look bigger, and to appear to be growing faster, in years when new research spending is greater than the amount being written down from previous years. For the same reason, corporate profits also look better in those years. A lot of money is spent on research and development. Nicole Mayerhauser, the chief of the national income and wealth division of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, which compiles the figures, said that in 2012 the total was \$418 billion, about one-third of which was spent by governments. That amounted to about 2.6 percent of GDP. The other major conceptual change deals with pensions. Until now, corporate and government contributions to pension plans were counted as personal income only when the contributions were made. Under the revision, the government estimates how much should have been contributed to meet the promises made to workers, and counts that amount, whether it is higher or lower than the

amount actually put into the pension plan. That causes personal income to appear larger in years when pension contributions are lower than they should be. The revised numbers also reflect some better information as new data becomes available. Mayerhauser said that it now appeared that in recent years the government might have overestimated the amount of income that went unreported by taxpayers, including the amounts of unreported tips received by restaurant employees. Revising those figures down meant that workers as a group appeared to be doing even worse than they had appeared to be doing. And that was none too well. Before the figures were revised, it appeared that wages and salary income in 2012 amounted to 44 percent of GDP, the lowest at any time since 1929, which is as far back as the data goes. But the revisions cut that to 42.6 percent, which matched the revised 2010 figure as the lowest ever. The flip side of that is that corporate profits after taxes amounted to a record 9.7 percent of GDP. Each of the last three years has been higher than the earlier record high, of 9.1 percent, which was set in 1929. The numbers help to demonstrate how the post-recession economy differs from the one before the downturn. In the three years from 2005 through 2007, the share of GDP going to corporate profits was 1.5 percentage points lower than it was during the years 2010 through 2012. The share going to workers was 1.1 percentage points higher during the earlier years. Corporate taxes, as a proportion of corporate profits, rose to a four-year high of 21.6 percent in 2012 but remained well below the long-term average level. Personal taxes also hit a four-year high, at 14.1 percent of personal income, but were still well below the historical average. □

Obama says he has range of Fed candidates

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said late last week that he's still considering a range of candidates to be the next chairman of the Federal Reserve and that whoever gets the job will need to focus in the near term on reducing unemployment. Obama said during a White House news conference that former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Sum-

mers and current Fed Vice Chairman Janet Yellen are both highly qualified for the job, and that he's also considering others.

He said he'll make his decision in the fall. Obama acknowledged that many think Summers has "an inside track" to the job after Obama gave a strong defense of him last week at a closed-door meeting with House Democrats. But

Obama said he was simply standing up for Summers because he was "getting slapped around in the press for no reason." "The perception that Mr. Summers might have an inside track simply had to do with a bunch of attacks that I was hearing on Mr. Summers preemptively, which is sort of a standard Washington exercise that I don't like," Obama said. □

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Harwell Column:

American home mortgage rates face a wild card

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The halcyon days of bottom-dollar home loans now seem to be a gift of the past as shifts in Federal Reserve policy and a reviving market push up mortgage rates.

But President Barack Obama's support last week of plans to drastically limit the government's support of the mortgage market added a worrying wild card that could further spike loan payments.

House and Senate reformers from both parties want to shrink Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the federal giants that guarantee almost every new home loan. Estimates show that could push up typical mortgage payments by more than \$100 a month on top of recent interest rate surges that brokers already fear could flatten the market's rebound. Mortgage rates are still close to historic lows, and bargains for qualifying borrowers abound. But every uptick makes homes harder to afford and bumps out low-income buyers. Over the last three months, rates for 30-year fixed loans have made their biggest one-week jump in 26 years, leaping a full percentage point to 4.4 percent.

"This is one of the more volatile times I've seen in 20 years," said Andy Wood, owner of Tampa-based Titan Home Lending. "When it went up a percentage point, I don't ever remember it going up that fast." In the wake of the housing crisis, the Federal Reserve spent billions of dollars each month to keep interest rates low to lure hesitant home buyers.

The heavy-hand approach worked — home sales and

prices have rebounded — but it was never planned to last. Just talk of the Fed ending its economy-stimulating binge has spurred interest rates to climb.

Bipartisan support for scaling back Fannie and Freddie adds a new complication. Obama said the housing market should have "a limited government role," with private lending serving as "the backbone" of the nation's home economy.

For decades Fannie and Freddie were two boring federal firms (technically government-sponsored enterprises) charged with helping more people buy homes. They bought loans from banks, guaranteed them against default and sold them to investors, taking risk away from banks and giving them more money to keep lending.

But during the freewheeling years of the housing bubble, Fannie and Freddie joined many other lenders in loosening the rules for acceptable loans. When defaults and foreclosures burst the bubble, the giants themselves needed a big taxpayer bailout and are now the biggest player in America's \$10 trillion mortgage market. Once having backed less than 40 percent of new loans, they now set the rules, front the cash and hold the bag for losses on nine out of 10 new mortgages.

Downsizing the federal giants would reduce risk to the taxpayers and shuffle it back onto lenders. They in turn would undoubtedly charge higher rates to cover their potential losses. If proposals from the Senate and House took effect, a \$200,000 loan with a 20 percent down payment would cost a borrower \$75 to \$135

more a month, Moody's Analytics estimates show.

Climbing interest rates have already made housing affordability, which compares the typical

often add their own rules on top.

Brokers said hopeful buyers with good down payments and credit are being turned away for even small

Under the proposals, private lenders could still get their loans backed by taxpayers, but they would need to pay an extra insur-



A home is seen for sale Tuesday, July 30, 2013 in Gilbert, Ariz. President Obama's support of plans to drastically limit the government's support of the mortgage market added a worrying wild card that could further spike loan payments.

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family's income to what it would need to qualify for a loan, drop every month this year, Realtors data show. A fully privatized market, Realtors say, might make popular loans like 30-year fixed mortgages hard to come by for middle-class buyers or force borrowers into riskier adjustable-rate loans.

National Association of Realtors president Gary Thomas warned this week that could lead to "potentially dramatic rates increases" and "payment shocks that rattle (homeowners') financial stability."

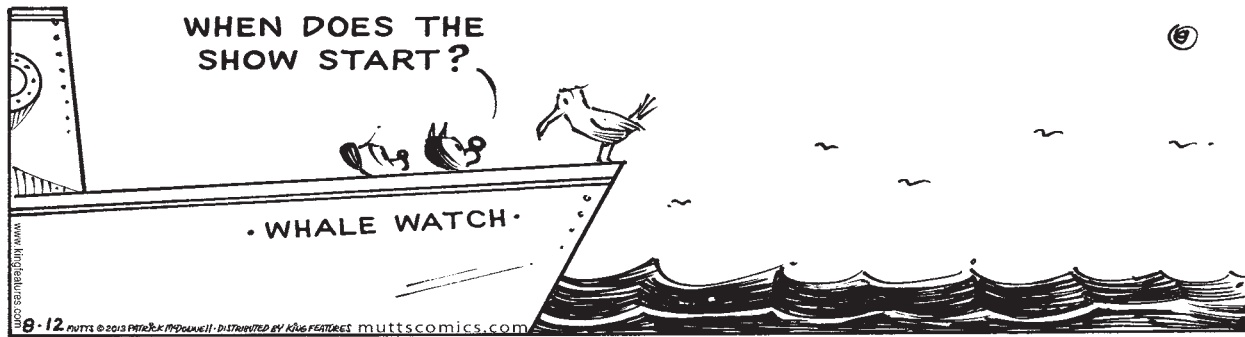
Squeezing out Fannie and Freddie may face some opposition from brokers who already complain that banks and credit unions have overcompensated in raising loan requirements. Fannie and Freddie set guidelines for which loans they'll buy, though lenders

blips like a bank overdraft. "The pendulum has swung way too far the other way," said Nate Davis, the president of Plant City Mortgage Corp. "I hear people say they feel like they're sending in the cavalry and the war's over." Further, acting against Fannie and Freddie now seems strangely timed. Five years ago, it cost \$187 billion to bail them out. But since then, as home prices climbed and defaults plunged, the companies have posted record profits, paying back more than three-quarters of their bailout. Sen. Mark Warner, a Virginia Democrat hoping to shrink the federal giants, conceded their fat returns might complicate reform efforts. He told Bloomberg, "If they make too much money, there may be a sense of, 'Well, let's not mess with them anymore.'"

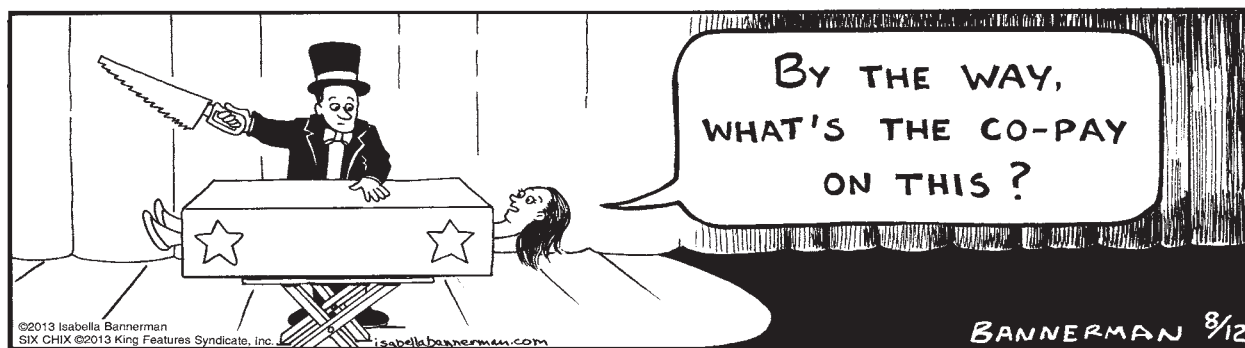
ance fee used toward borrower aid and affordable rental housing.

Taxpayer money would be used as a backstop only after the private money was exhausted, as a last resort against catastrophic losses. One plan would effectively privatize the loan market, flexing government support only for lending to low-income families. Sandy Garcia, a manager of Sierra Pacific Mortgage's Tampa office and vice president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Florida, said today's loans are better qualified and less at risk of widespread default. Florida's rate of homeowners who are more than two months late on mortgage payments, though still among the nation's highest, dropped 27 percent last quarter over the same time last year, a TransUnion report shows. □

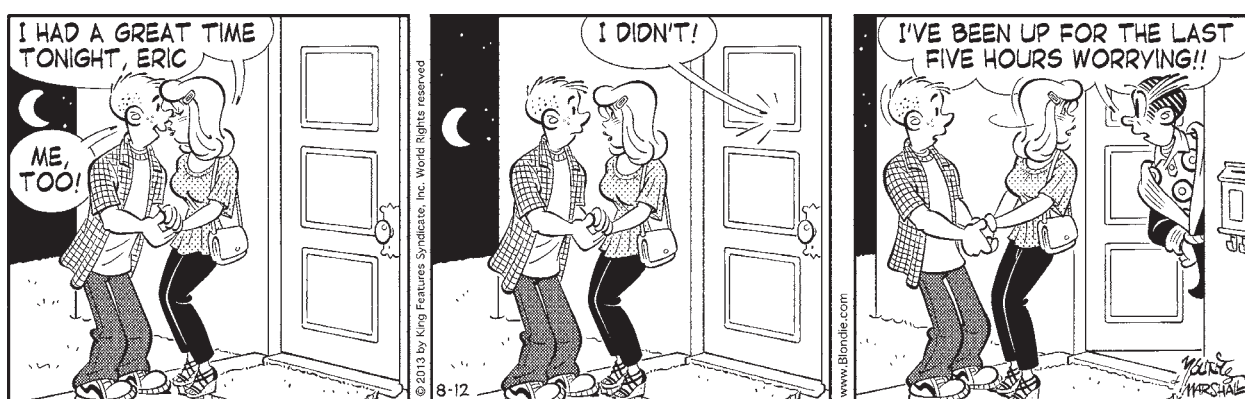
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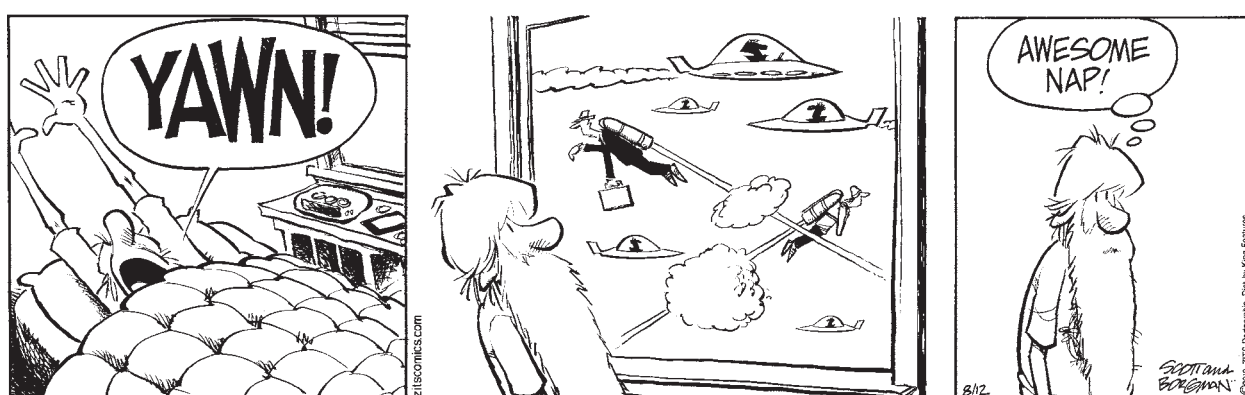
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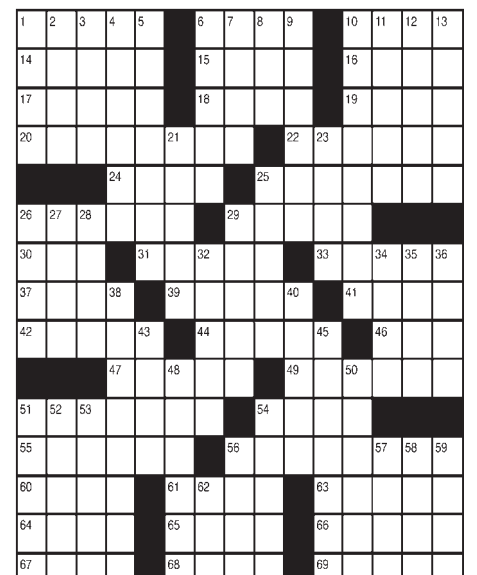
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- Pulsate; beat
- Keep __ on; watch closely
- __ the word!
- Cheek coloring
- Follow orders
- Afresh
- "Rigoletto" or "Carmen"
- Dodgers or Mariners
- Cylindrical storage tower
- Abandoned
- Bread spread
- Pillow cover
- Walked leisurely
- Arranges
- Less vivid in color
- __ Maria
- Tierney and Wilder
- Good buys
- Potter's oven
- Cheers
- Faucet problem
- Actress Burstyn
- Racer Al __
- Brewed drink
- Take __; put forth effort
- Against, in a courtroom trial
- Acquires
- Restaurant's list of offerings
- No-__; without anything fancy
- Disdain
- "A __ of Two Cities"
- Canyon sound
- Blazing
- 12/24 & 12/31
- Laugh loudly
- Draws; attracts
- On the __; exactly
- Little children
- Slumbered



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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GEL	DEPTH	
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CAPITULATE	DUEL	
ONES	RIVER	ISEE
TENT	NEEDS	PETE

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- Actress McClanahan and others
- Mean woman in a fairy tale
- Warm embrace
- Tribal pole
- Still in the sack
- Actress Arthur
- Emblem
- Learned well
- Oneness
- Noisy brawl
- Saber or épée
- __ off; diminish gradually
- Secondhand
- Ships' poles
- "Oh, for Pete's __"
- Wickedness
- Blab; tattle
- Lowly laborers
- Persons, places & things
- __ and crafts
- In __ of; as a substitute for
- Mineral springs

DOWN

- __ on; trampled
- __ springs eternal!

- Of Katmandu's country
- Three and four
- Tack
- Residences for tenants
- Add in
- Having regrets
- Frequently
- "Good job!"
- Flooring pieces
- Boggy areas
- Informal talk
- Deep mud
- Get ready, for short
- Examination
- Pigeon's sound

Fed contender seized the day, and dollars, in private sector

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When Lawrence H. Summers left his job as President Barack Obama's top economic policy adviser at the end of 2010 to return to Harvard University, one of his first steps was to set up a roster of part-time positions that would touch on just about every corner of the financial world.

Today, the Obama administration is considering nominating Summers as the next chairman of the Federal Reserve. If the White House does so, Summers' financial disclosure - including his recent consulting jobs, paid speeches and service on company boards - will be one of the hottest documents in Washington. Before his tenure in the Obama administration, Summers had accumulated personal wealth of at least \$7 million; the last two years have most likely added considerably to that. In addition to rejoining the Harvard faculty in 2011, he jumped into a moneymaking spree. His clock was ticking partly because he knew that the Fed chairmanship was likely to open up in early 2014, when Ben S. Bernanke's second term will come to an end.

"He's kind of been going about his life just on the basis of 'who knows what's going to come next?' and just sort of maximizing his experiences, given the opportunities in front of him," said Jeremy I. Bulow, an economics professor at Stanford University.

The opportunities have been many over the last two years. Summers, 58, has been employed by the megabank Citigroup and the sprawling hedge fund D.E. Shaw. He works for a firm that advises small banks as well as the exchange company Nasdaq OMX. And he serves on the board of two Silicon Valley startups.

Summers declined to comment. But some senators are raising questions about potential conflicts of interest and noting his role in the repeal of the Glass-Steag-

all banking law, which many critics say contributed to the financial crisis.

"I have serious doubts that Summers, who as a committed deregulator drove policies that set the stage for the Great Recession, is the right person for a key regulatory position," said Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore. Lewis A. Sachs, a former Treasury official who runs a Maryland firm called Alliance Partners, said Summers' financial work would make him a better Fed chairman. □



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Study ties higher blood sugar to dementia risk

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Higher blood-sugar levels, even those well short of diabetes, seem to raise the risk of developing dementia, a major new study finds. Researchers say it suggests a novel way to try to prevent Alzheimer's disease — by keeping glucose at a healthy level.

Alzheimer's is by far the most common form of dementia and it's long been known that diabetes makes it more likely. The new study tracked blood sugar over time in all sorts of people — with and without diabetes — to see how it affects risk for the mind-robbing disease.

The results challenge current thinking by showing that it's not just the high glucose levels of diabetes that are a concern, said the study's leader, Dr. Paul Crane of the University of Washington in Seattle.

"It's a nice, clean pattern" — risk rises as blood sugar does, said Dallas Anderson, a scientist at the National Institute on Aging, the federal agency that paid for the study.

"This is part of a larger picture" and adds evidence that exercising and controlling blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol are a viable way to delay or prevent dementia, he said. Because so many attempts to develop effective drugs have failed, "It looks like,



This Jan. 3, 2009 file photo shows a person with diabetes testing his blood sugar level in Kamen, Germany.

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at the moment, sort of our best bet," Anderson said. "We have to do something. If we just do nothing and wait around till there's some kind of cocktail of pills, we could be waiting a long time."

About 35 million people worldwide have dementia; in the United States, about 5 million have Alzheimer's disease. What causes it isn't known. Current treatments just temporarily ease symptoms. People who have diabetes don't make enough insulin, or their bodies don't use insulin well, to turn food into energy. That causes sugar in the blood

not seek blood-sugar tests they wouldn't normally get otherwise, Crane said.

"We don't know from a study like this whether bringing down the glucose level will prevent or somehow modify dementia," but it's always a good idea to avoid developing diabetes, he said.

Eating well, exercising and controlling weight all help to keep blood sugar in line. The study involved 2,067 people 65 and older in the Group Health Cooperative, a Seattle-area health care system. At the start, 232 participants had diabetes; the rest did not. They each had at least five blood-sugar tests within a few years of starting the study and more after it was underway.

Researchers averaged these levels over time to even out spikes and dips from testing at various times of day or before or after a meal.

Participants were given standard tests for thinking skills every two years and asked about smoking, exercise and other things that affect dementia risk.

After nearly seven years of follow-up, 524, or one quarter of them, had de-

veloped dementia — mostly Alzheimer's disease. Among participants who started out without diabetes, those with higher glucose levels over the previous five years had an 18 percent greater risk of developing dementia than those with lower glucose levels.

Among participants with diabetes at the outset, those with higher blood sugar were 40 percent more likely to develop dementia than diabetics at the lower end of the glucose spectrum.

The effect of blood sugar on dementia risk was seen even when researchers took into account whether participants had the apoE4 gene, which raises the risk for Alzheimer's.

At least for diabetics, the results suggest that good blood-sugar control is important for cognition, Crane said.

For those without diabetes, "it may be that with the brain, every additional bit of blood sugar that you have is associated with higher risk," he said. "It changes how we think about thresholds, how we think about what is normal, what is abnormal." □

India activates atomic reactor for nuclear sub

NEW DELHI (AP) — India on Saturday activated the atomic reactor onboard its first indigenously designed and built nuclear submarine, paving the way for its deployment by the navy in the next two years.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said the development represented a giant

stride in the progress of India's indigenous technological capabilities.

The vessel is the first ballistic missile submarine to be built outside the five recognized nuclear powers — the United States, France, Russia, Britain and China. Rahul Bedi, an analyst for the independent Jane's In-

formation Group, said the submarine would now undergo sea trials. The vessel has been undergoing harbor trials in eastern India.

Last year, India acquired a Russian Nerpa nuclear submarine for its navy on a 10-year lease from Russia at a total cost of nearly \$1 billion. □

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Chris Brown suffers seizure from emotional stress

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Grammy-winner Chris Brown has suffered a seizure brought on by intense fatigue and extreme emotional stress, his publicist said Saturday. The "Look At Me Now" singer suffered a non-epileptic seizure early Friday morning while he was working in a Los Angeles studio, Nicole Perna said by email. Perna said Brown's doctor attributes the episode to "intense fatigue and extreme emotional stress, both due to the continued onslaught of unfounded legal matters and the non-stop negativity." The doctor examined the 24-year-old but he wasn't hospitalized. The singer has been on felony probation since the 2009 beating of then-girlfriend Rihanna. Brown has been in and out

of court since the Rihanna assault, making reports on fulfilling the requirements of his five-year supervised probation term. A judge revoked his probation last month and ordered a hearing in a May 12 hit-and-run case, in which he is suspected of rear-ending a car stopped at a red light in the San Fernando Valley. Brown allegedly refused to give the other driver his license or insurance information. The driver of the other car said Brown was polite at first, but a confrontation arose after she kept demanding identification. The woman said she took a picture of Brown and a passenger, "and then they went ballistic," shouting expletives and grabbing at her camera before speeding off. The woman said she didn't

know who Brown was until a friend called and told her about an online report of the incident. In February, the Sheriff's Department investigated a fight between Brown and singer Frank Ocean at a recording studio, but Ocean declined to pursue a battery case against Brown. The same month, Brown crashed his Porsche while being chased by paparazzi. Brown won a Grammy in 2011 for Best R&B Album with "F.A.M.E." □

In this Feb. 12, 2012 file photo, Chris Brown accepts the award for best R&B album for "F.A.M.E." during the 54th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

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'Elysium' tops box office with \$30.5 million

JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The dystopian science fiction thriller "Elysium" topped the weekend box office with \$30.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, enough to beat three newcomers, including the Jennifer Aniston comedy "We're the Millers."

Sony's "Elysium," directed by Neill Blomkamp and starring Matt Damon, opened in line with expectations, but still debuted somewhat modestly for a \$115 million action film. It couldn't match Blomkamp's previous film, the \$30 million "District 9," which opened with \$37.4 million in August 2009.

But "Elysium" was able to come out on top in a crowded weekend, with three other new wide releases: the R-rated Warner Bros. comedy "We're the Millers," starring Jason Sudeikis and Aniston (\$26.6 million over the weekend, a strong \$38 million since opening Tuesday night); Disney's "Cars" spinoff "Planes" (\$22.5 million) and



This film publicity image released by TriStar, Columbia Pictures-Sony shows Matt Damon, right, in a scene from "Elysium."

Fox's fantasy sequel "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters" (\$14.6 million over the weekend, \$23.5 million since Wednesday).

"District 9" was something of a phenomenon: a relatively low-budget science-fiction film from a first-time, South African director that made over \$210 million

worldwide and landed four Academy Awards nominations, including best picture. Like "District 9," "Elysium" is rife with allegory, a futuristic tale heavy with contemporary themes of wealth discrepancy, health care and immigration. But it was also made with more than three times

the budget of "District 9" and added stars Damon and Jodie Foster.

Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony said the studio was proud to release an ambitious film like "Elysium" and said that it would be "very profitable" for Sony. The film launched internationally in a handful of markets, including Russia, taking in \$10.9 million overseas. With the added star power of Damon and Foster, "Elysium" should be a bigger draw than "District 9" was abroad.

"International is going to be the big, big win on this film for us," said Bruer.

The weekend was enough

to push the box office just past the pace of last year, which means that despite several spectacular flops this summer, Hollywood's 2013 is currently equal to its 2012. The year-to-date gross of \$7 billion is even with last year, although attendance is down 2.9 percent.

"Yes, there's been some high-profile failures," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox. "But the summer's been fantastic despite the gloom and doom some in the media have portrayed."

The market was crowded with family films, including new releases "Percy Jackson" and "Planes," as well as holdovers like Sony's "Smurfs 2" (\$9.5 million in its second week) and Fox's "Turbo" (\$2.3 million in its fourth week). With the box office led by two R-rated films, it made for a diverse weekend of movie-going. "It used to be called the dog days of August — and you still get some junk thrown in to August," said Paul Dergarabedian, analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. "But it can also be the land of opportunity for films that aren't cookie-cutter for audiences that are burned out by blockbusters."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. □

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Lifetime achievement award for Sondheim

PETERBOROUGH, New Hampshire (AP) — Broadway composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim is being awarded one of the top honors in the arts world: the Edward MacDowell Medal for lifetime achievement.

The award is being presented Sunday at the MacDowell Colony, the prestigious retreat for artists, writers and composers in Peterborough, New Hampshire.

This is the first time the medal has been awarded for achievement in musical theater. Past recipients include poet Robert Frost and painter Georgia O'Keefe.

In a statement when the award was announced, Sondheim called the medal a "sort of homecoming,"



United States' Ashton Eaton competes in the pole vault of the decathlon at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013.

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noting that as a child he used to play compositions by Edward MacDowell, for whom the prize is named. Sondheim has won more

Tony Awards than any other composer. His hit musicals include "Follies," "A Little Night Music" and "Sweeney Todd." □

Jody Payne, Willie Nelson guitarist, dies at 77

The Associated Press

Jody Payne, a guitarist who toured with Willie Nelson for more than three decades, has died. He was 77.

Nelson publicist Elaine Schock told The Associated Press that she received an email from Payne's granddaughter Saturday saying the guitarist died that morning. According to a 2011 profile in The Mobile Press-Register, Payne toured with Nelson from

1973 to 2008. He retired to Stapleton, Alabama, with his wife Vicki. There he continued playing music, teaching the guitar at a local music store.

More details on Payne's death were not immediately available. A call to Payne's home was not answered.

A post on Willie's Nelson's Facebook page about Payne's death Saturday said, "Our friend will be missed." □

Loud Is A Losing Bet



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Let's talk about Gov. Chris Christie. Everybody is; he's the politician of the hour. At the top of the latest poll of likely Republican presidential primary voters in New Hampshire. (Just 2 1/2 years to go until the Iowa caucuses!) If he winds up running, it could be a fantastic test of my theory that women won't vote for men who yell.

We don't need to have a discussion about whether or not Christie is a yeller, right? You just have to call up that video of him pursuing a heckler down the boardwalk, waving an ice cream cone. And while Christie is probably not any more in love with himself than your average major league politician, he is a little less good about concealing it. Dan Balz of The Washington Post interviewed him for the newly released book, "Collision 2012," in which Christie happily recounts the way the rich and powerful begged him to run for the White House. (Henry Kissinger, the governor reported, told him: "Being a successful president is about two things, courage and character: You have both, and your country needs you.")

Also, we all remember the Christie keynote speech at the Republican convention, in which he told the crowd how wonderful he had made things in his home state and urged them to support whatshisname, who would carry out the New Jersey agenda in Washington. (Before which, Balz reports, the governor had a meltdown over plans to cut his introductory video in the interest of time and threatened to either walk away or go onstage and say the world's most popular obscenity on live TV.)

On the other hand, he really, really likes Bruce Springsteen.

There's a side to Christie that reminds women of their worst boyfriends. In his race for governor in 2009, he won male voters by a wide margin. But women went for his opponent, Gov. Jon Corzine, 50 percent to 45 percent. This is a particularly startling figure when you add in the fact that Corzine had the personal warmth and communication skills of an unconscious flounder. Democrats were eyeing that gender gap when they chose Barbara Buono, a state senator, and Milly Silva, a labor leader, to run for governor and lieutenant governor this fall. They're bucking long odds. Christie's record

has a lot of weak spots, but he was terrific when it came to the cardinal rule in politics, which is to show up for bad weather. Voters never forget good behavior in a storm, and Christie was pretty near pitch-perfect during Hurricane Sandy.

But let's get back to that infant race for the Republican presidential nomination. The WMUR Granite State Poll, which had Christie on top in New Hampshire, put Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky in second. So it was kind of fascinating last week when they got into a fight, carried out long-distance at top volume.

Christie started it, when he laced into a "strain of libertarianism" that he termed "very dangerous" to national security. This was a garbled broadside against Paul's recent campaign against the government's mass collection of phone and email records. "I want them to come to New Jersey and sit across from the widows and the orphans [of 9/11] and have that conversation," he concluded.

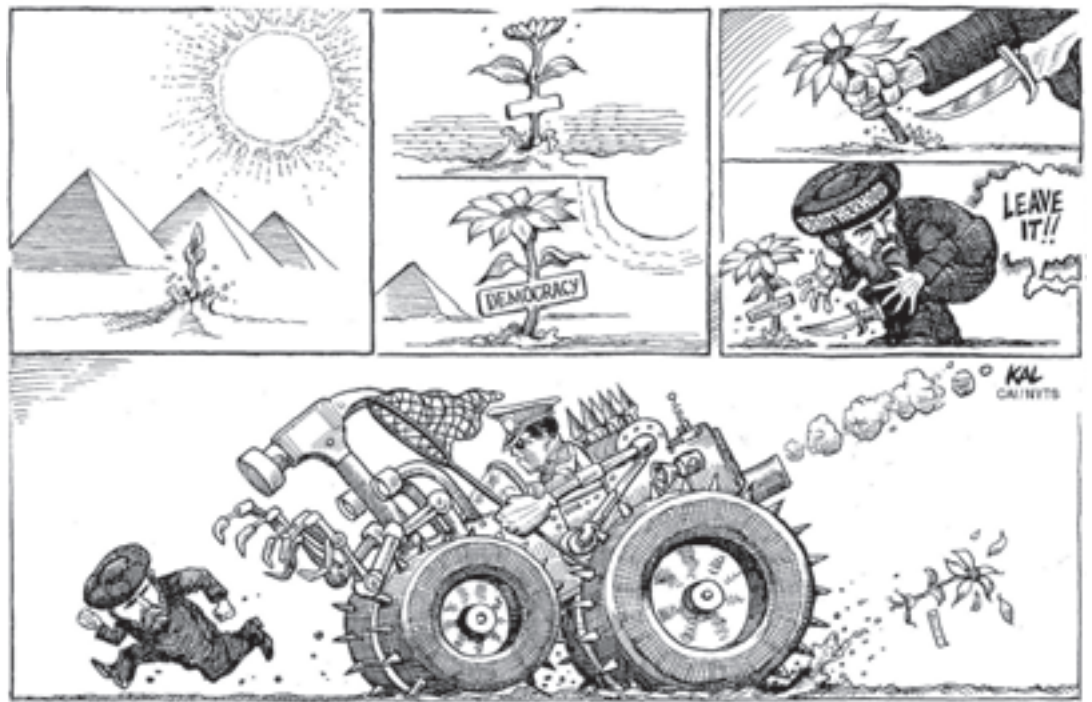
Terrible opening. You cannot win a serious argument by bopping your opponent with the widows and orphans of 9/11. That was a tactic well-honed by Rudy Giuliani, a person whose race for the presidency will be forever remembered in the annals of totally disastrous political campaigns. Paul, in response, trotted off to Fox News and announced that if Christie "cared about protecting this country maybe he wouldn't be in this gimme, gimme, gimme."

His garbled broadside was a suggestion that by demanding so much money for hurricane relief, Christie was depriving the country of funds for national defense. Double error! First of all, you do not mess with weather-related disasters. Also, Paul left the door wide open for Christie's next retort, which was to point out that New Jersey gets 61 cents back for every \$1 its residents send to Washington, while Kentucky gets back \$1.51.

So, in the battle for the incoherent defense of the indefensible, Christie won Round 2. There was further sniping, during which Paul called the governor "king of bacon," then made a peace offering that Christie swatted down. ("I don't really have time for that.") And then life moved on. In the end, the governor scored points only when the Yelling Guy was replaced by the rational politician with an actual point to make. What if it turns out that the most celebrated aspect of Chris Christie - his high-decibel tough-talking - is really his biggest handicap as a national candidate?

In that New Hampshire poll, Christie got 27 percent of the male vote and 14 percent of the women. All the other candidates mentioned were pretty much gender gapless. It's just one little poll, but maybe we're onto something. Maybe quiet and sane trumps loud and crazy, even in Republican primary politics.

Could be the start of something soft-spoken. □



Life Lessons From An Unlikely Duo



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CARTAGENA, Colombia - This is a story of two unlikely allies, the wealthy executive/mother and the prostitute/drug smuggler, who rescued each other. The setting is equally improbable and hopeful.

A decade ago, Colombia was torn apart by civil war and narco-trafficking. One of Colombia's problems was an enormous gap between rich and poor, and elites who dealt with poverty by building higher walls around their compounds and topping them with barbed wire. Yet, against all odds, that ethos has begun to change - with lessons for the United States and the rest of the world. Colombia itself is stabilizing and rebounding, so that, astonishingly, an increasingly popular destination for tourism is Cartagena, which, with its Old Spanish walls and cobblestone streets, is one of the loveliest cities in the Americas.

Colombia still has enormous problems, of course, for civil war has morphed into horrific gang violence in the slums. On one of my visits to a slum, residents said that if I tried to walk around the block, I would never make it back alive.

The progress is, shall we say, impressive but still incomplete. Here in Colombia, one of the successful ones was Catalina Escobar. She was rich, beautiful

and American-educated, and ran an international trading company. She had a lovely family, including an adorable 17-month-old son, Juan Felipe. Then, one day in 2000, Escobar received a shattering phone call: Juan Felipe had tumbled over a balcony railing and plunged eight floors to his death. Escobar spiraled into grief, compounded by something she couldn't get out of her head. Just a few days earlier, as a volunteer at a hospital, Escobar had encountered a teenage mother who had lost a baby because she couldn't afford a medicine costing \$30.

"I had that in my pocket," Escobar thought, and she was crushed by the realization that in poor neighborhoods, the death of a child was a common event. Escobar ultimately channeled her grief and empathy by starting the Juan Felipe Gómez Escobar Foundation to memorialize her son and help teenage moms in Cartagena break the cycle of poverty.

Escobar's foundation reaches out to ambitious girls in the slums, offering them education, counseling, job training, health care and child care.

The idea is to give them skills so that they can get solid jobs and a path to the middle class.

The program can be transformative for young women like Yurleidys Peñaloza, who grew up in the slums and is smart, bold and strong. At age 7, Peñaloza says, a relative began raping her regularly. Finally, at age 9, she walked into a police station and announced that she wanted to report a family member for rape.

A medical exam supported her allegation, and the relative was imprisoned.

Yet this did not end the oppression of poverty.

A few years later, Peñaloza's mother needed \$400 in medical treatment to save her life.

"I thought, 'I already lost the battle; I've been through this, nothing else matters if I can just get my mom through this,'" she

said.

Thus, at age 12, Peñaloza dropped out of school and became a prostitute. From there, her pimp graduated her to drug smuggling.

She earned \$300 for each bag of marijuana or cocaine she carried from one Colombian city to another, she said.

On one smuggling trip, she and a teenage partner, Katarina, dumped a 10-kilo bag of cocaine while being pursued by police.

The drug lords were furious. They shot Katarina dead and tortured Peñaloza with red-hot iron rods. She still has scars.

Peñaloza started over.

By now, a 14-year-old ex-prostitute and ex-drug smuggler, she returned to school and eventually found a place in Escobar's Juan Felipe foundation, where she has received counseling, health care and training to work in a fancy restaurant. She's interning as a waitress at a fine coffee shop - where she served me a cappuccino when I dropped by to see her at work. So Peñaloza seems to have snapped that cycle of poverty, thanks to her grit and to Catalina Escobar. Meanwhile, Escobar has also found a path out of her grief by working with these girls from the slums.

"It's my therapy," Escobar says. Colombia has turned around as well.

There are many reasons for that, including the leadership of the former president, Álvaro Uribe, and one might be that the country's elites realized that they couldn't fully insulate themselves from poverty.

Colombia's wealthy shouldered a security tax to pay for improved policing, and foundations are sprouting to address social problems (although some of that is drug money being laundered).

So bravo to Escobar for turning a tragedy into inspiration and also for reminding us that rich and poor alike ultimately share the same boat - and the same obligation to help each other. □

Colleges Differ In Recruiting Financially Challenged Students

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With affirmative action under attack and economic mobility feared to be stagnating, top colleges profess a growing commitment to recruiting poor students. But a comparison of low-income enrollment shows wide disparities among the most competitive private colleges. A student at Vassar, for example, is three times as likely to receive a need-based Pell Grant as one at Washington University in St. Louis.

"It's a question of how seri-

ous you are about it," said Catharine Bond Hill, the president of Vassar. She said of colleges with multi-billion-dollar endowments and numerous tax exemptions that recruit few poor students, "Shame on you."

At Vassar, Amherst College and Emory University, 22 percent of undergraduates in 2010-11 received federal Pell Grants, which go mostly to students whose families earn less than \$30,000 a year. The same year, the most recent in the federal Department of Education database, only 7 percent of undergraduates at Washington University were Pell recipients, and 8 percent at Washington

and Lee University were, according to research by The New York Times. Researchers at Georgetown University have found that at the most competitive colleges, only 14 percent of students come from the lower 50 percent of families by income. That figure has not increased over more than two decades, an indication that a generation of pledges to diversify has not amounted to much. Top colleges differ markedly in how aggressively they hunt for qualified teenagers from

lar in size, per student, to those of Emory and Vassar - between \$300,000 and \$400,000 as of mid-2012, wealthier than all but a few dozen colleges in the country, and Washington and Lee's endowment is significantly larger, the Times research shows. At Harvard and Yale, with the largest endowments in the country, Pell enrollment was near the 15 percent average for the 50 most competitive colleges; at Princeton, with the largest per-capita endowment, it was lower, 12 percent, al-

Groups that work with poorer students and administrators at colleges with high disadvantaged enrollment say that one main factor is simply making the effort to get low-income students to apply. Last year, researchers at Stanford and Harvard reported that the vast majority of high-achieving, low-income students did not apply to any selective colleges.

"Kids who've never heard of most elite institutions, who don't know anyone who's gone to one, who assume they can't afford

the much larger amount needed to help lower-income students go to a \$60,000-a-year school. In addition, poor students face bigger challenges to remain enrolled and colleges often spend money on support services for them.

Among the 50 most selective private colleges, as measured by test scores and the percentage of applicants admitted, about four-fifths have need-blind admissions, meaning that they pledge to judge applicants without considering their ability to pay. Most of the colleges that do consider financial need to varying degrees, including Colby College and Washington and Lee, have lower Pell enrollments than most of their peers.

At a forum last fall, Mark S. Wrighton, the chancellor of Washington University, said of need-blind admission, according to the student newspaper, "It's not our highest priority" - a comment that Berg said was taken out of context.

Colleges award financial aid based either on need or merit, which can be defined as anything from earning good grades to being a virtuoso cellist.

Colleges can use merit scholarships to attract students they consider desirable, and administrators stress that often the donors who endow the scholarships dictate how the money is used.

The question of socioeconomic diversity has gained new urgency in recent years, as economists and sociologists debate whether social mobility is declining in the United States, and educators ask what role top colleges play in helping or hindering that movement.

Socioeconomic diversity also became an issue in the debate over race-conscious admissions in the past year, as the Supreme Court considered a case that could have led to the abolition of affirmative action. The court decided not to address that issue head-on, but it is likely to return before the justices. □



Gabriel Elizalde Jr. with his mentor in the Diving Into Research program, Eniola Sopeyin, on the Vassar College campus in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. As colleges like Vassar profess a growing commitment to recruiting poor students, a comparison of low-income enrollment shows wide disparities among the most competitive private institutions. (Eric Thayer/The New York Times)

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poorer families, how they assess applicants who need aid, and how they distribute the available aid dollars.

Some institutions argue that they do not have the resources to be as generous as the top colleges, and for most colleges, with meager endowments, that is no doubt true. But among the elites, nearly all of them with large endowments, there is little correlation between a university's wealth and the number of students who receive Pell Grants, which did not exceed \$5,550 per student last year.

Washington University has an endowment simi-

though its officials say the rate is higher for the freshman class starting this fall. John Berg, the vice chancellor for admissions at Washington University, said one reason its numbers are so low is that the disadvantaged students it admits usually have offers from other top colleges with better name recognition. Bob Strong, a professor of politics at Washington and Lee who oversaw admissions there for two years as interim provost, conceded that his institution historically did a poor job of recruiting low-income students, but said that it had improved and "we're still working on it."

one, aren't going to apply unless you go out and recruit them," said Anthony W. Marx, president of Amherst from 2003 to 2011. Most of the top private colleges rely on nonprofit groups like Questbridge and the Posse Foundation to help them find promising disadvantaged students. However, some recruit heavily that way while others only take one or two students per year. And some elite institutions, like Washington University, do not work with such groups. For colleges that have the resources, another factor is how willing they are to spend the money to hunt for those applicants, and